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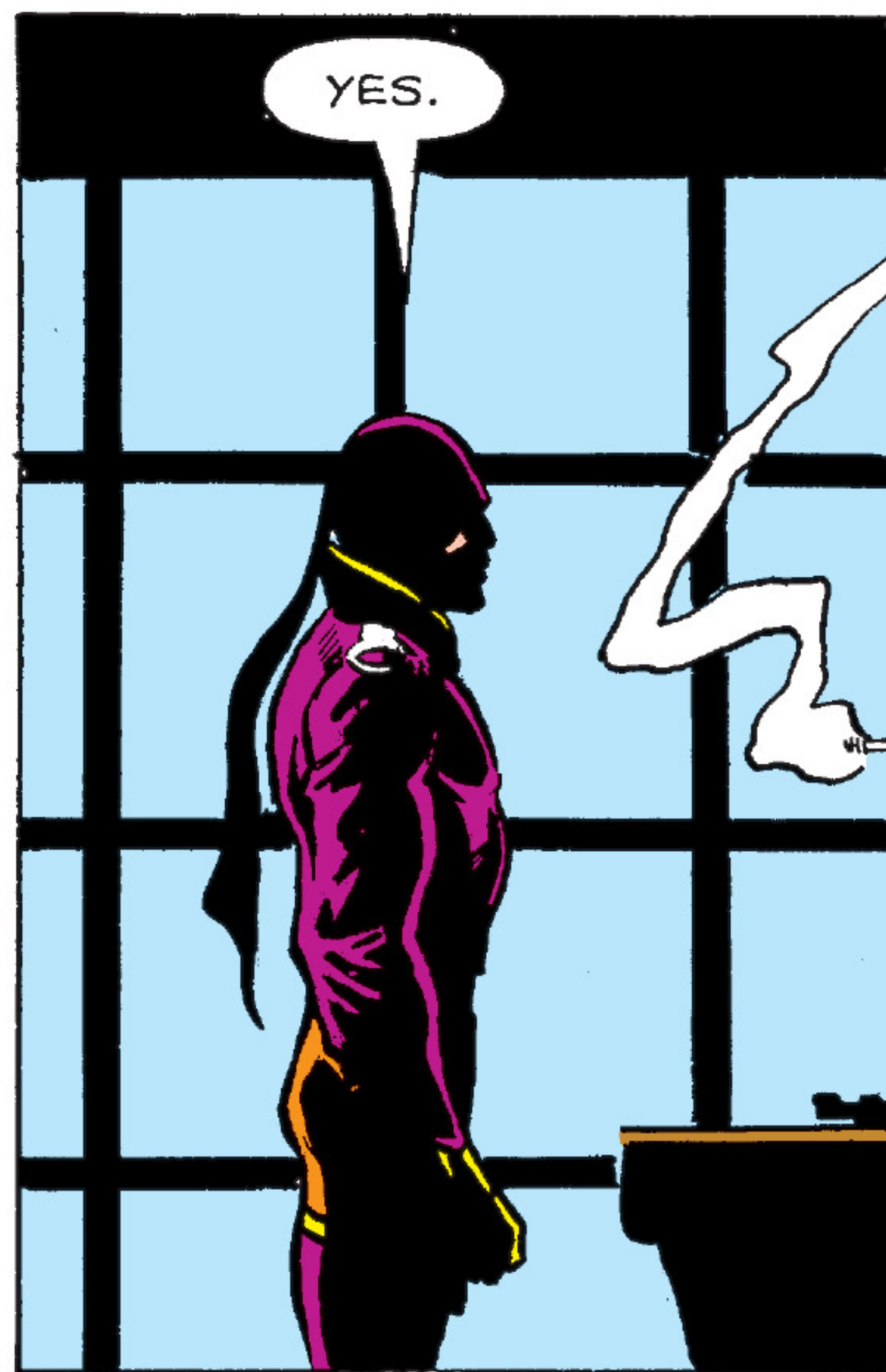
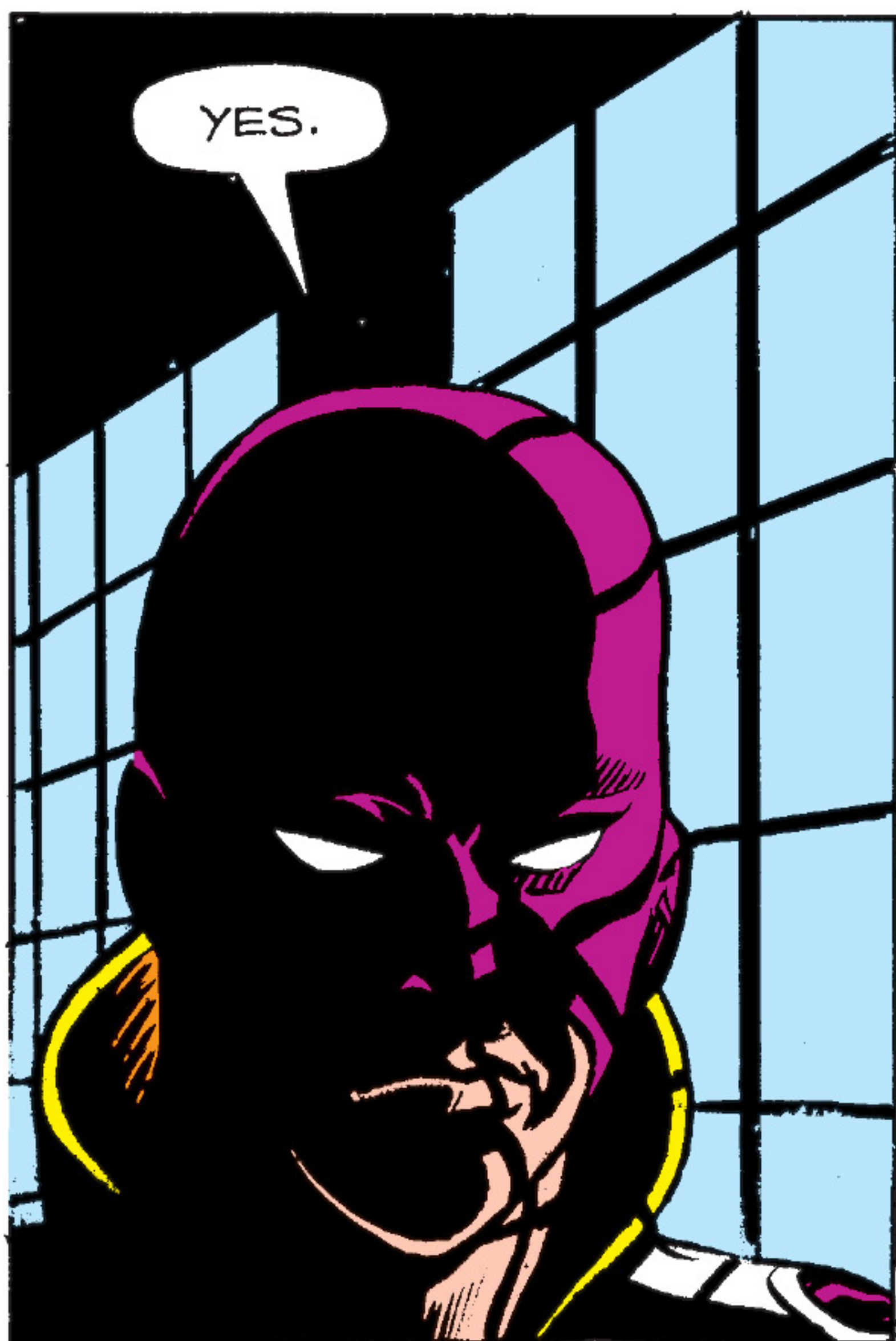
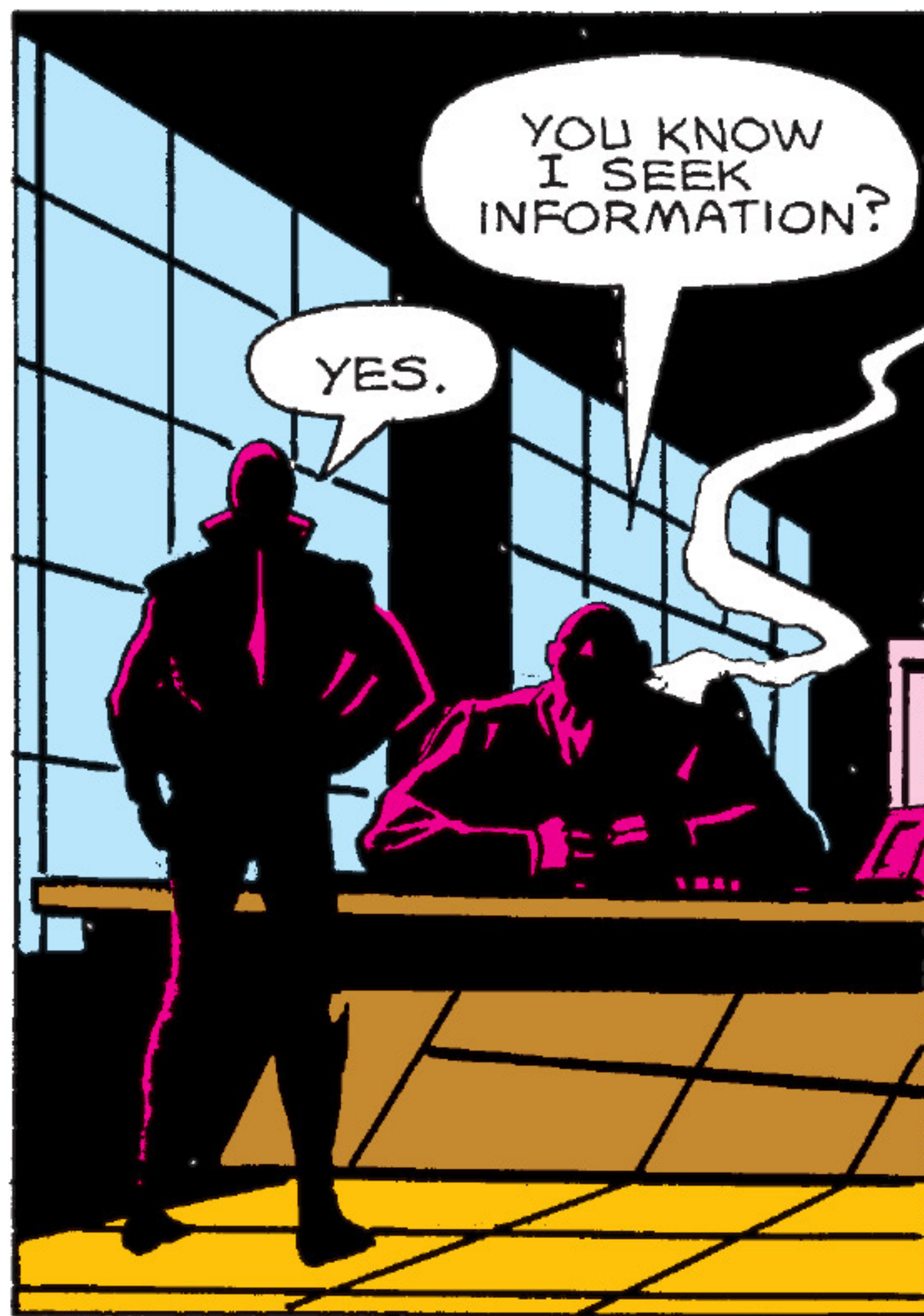
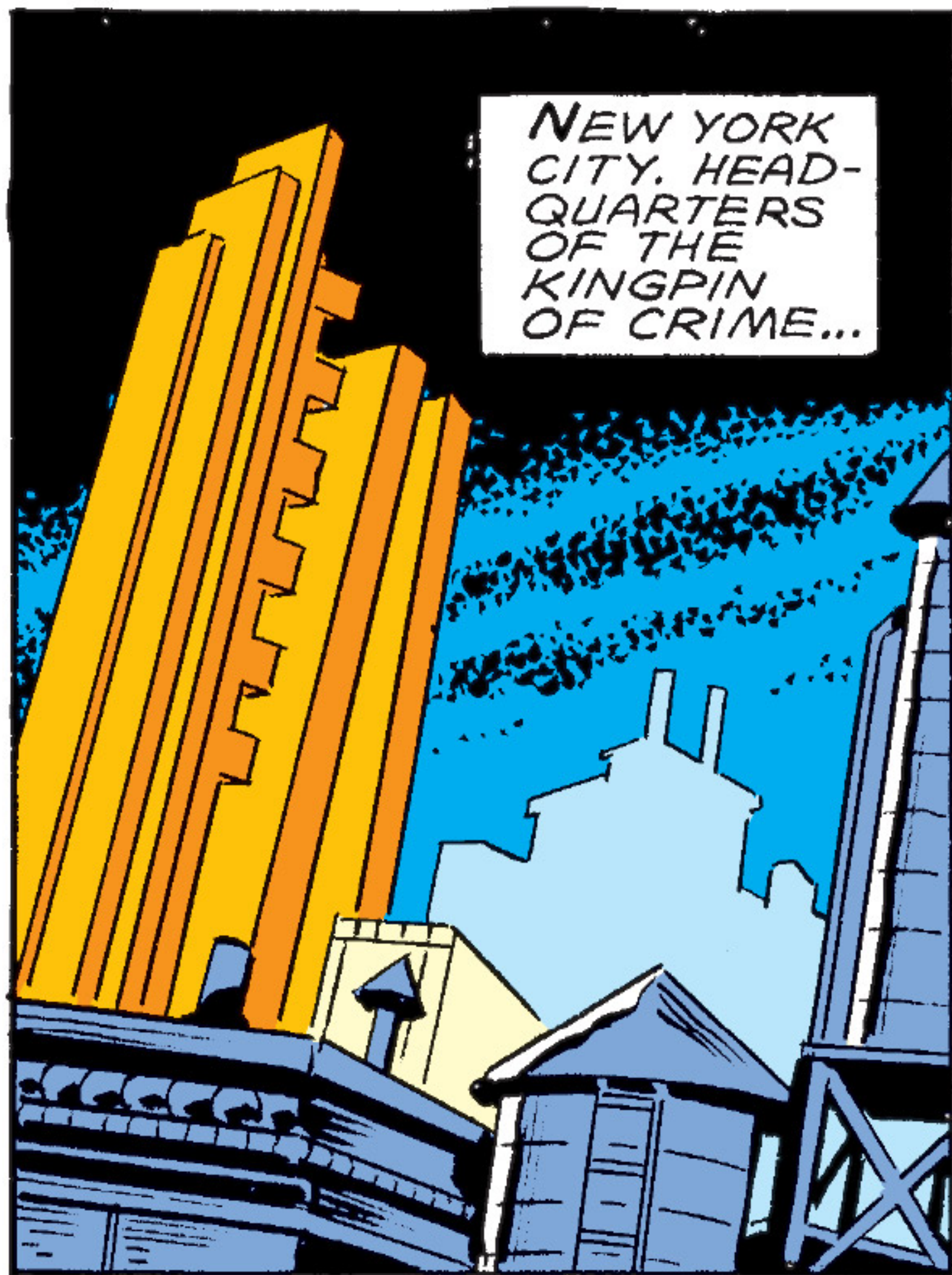
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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN™

What is... THE ANSWER



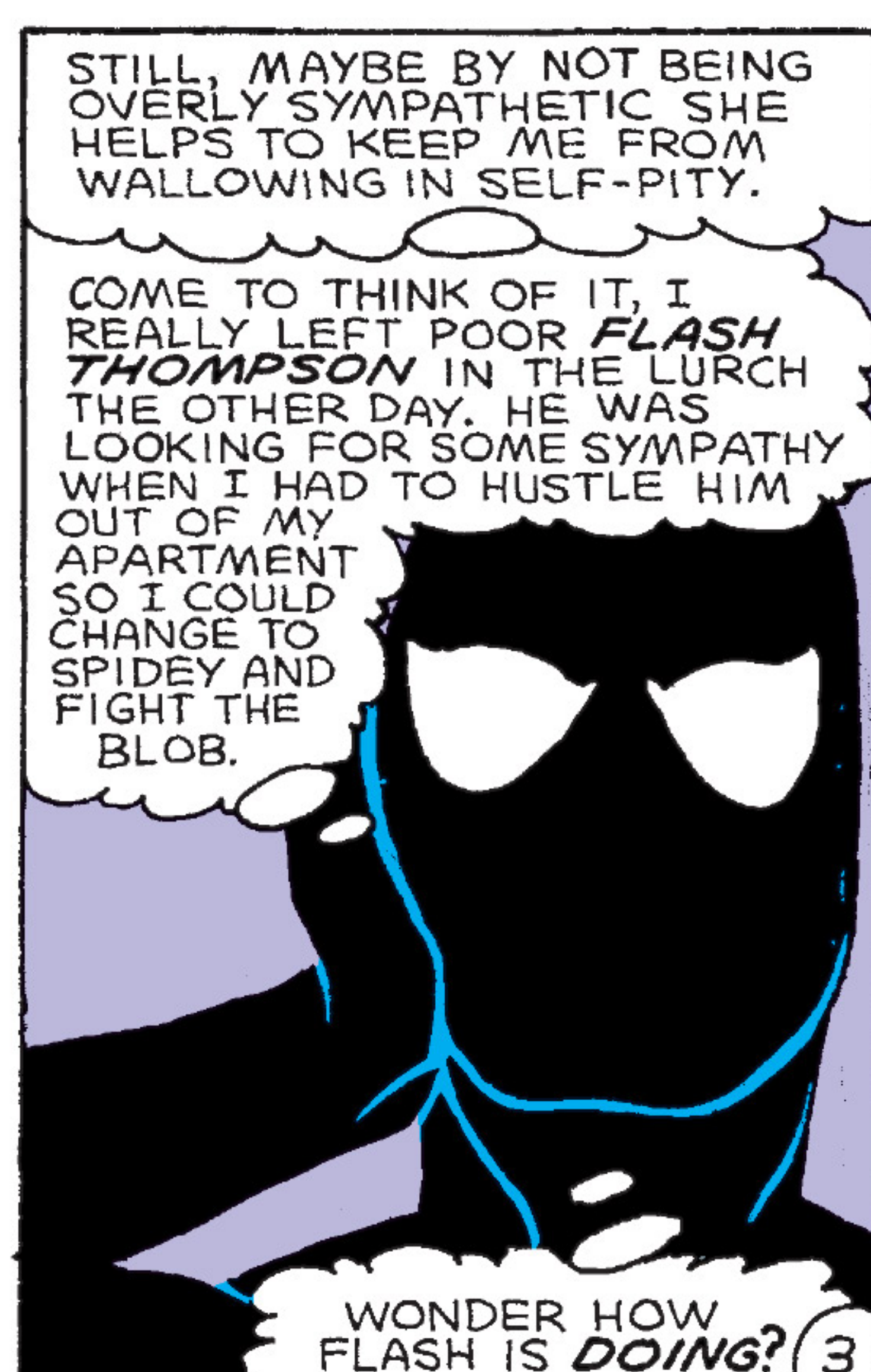
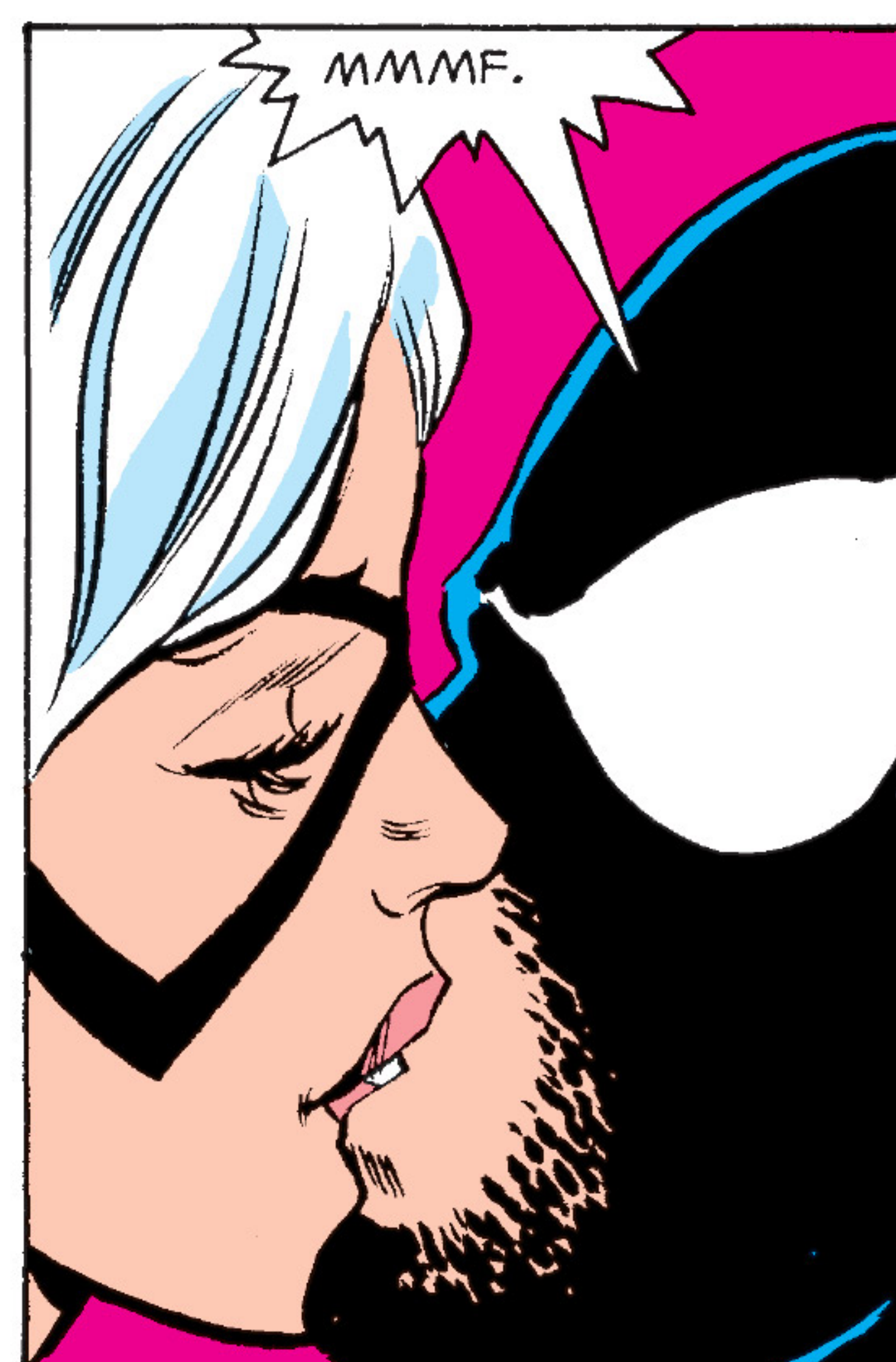
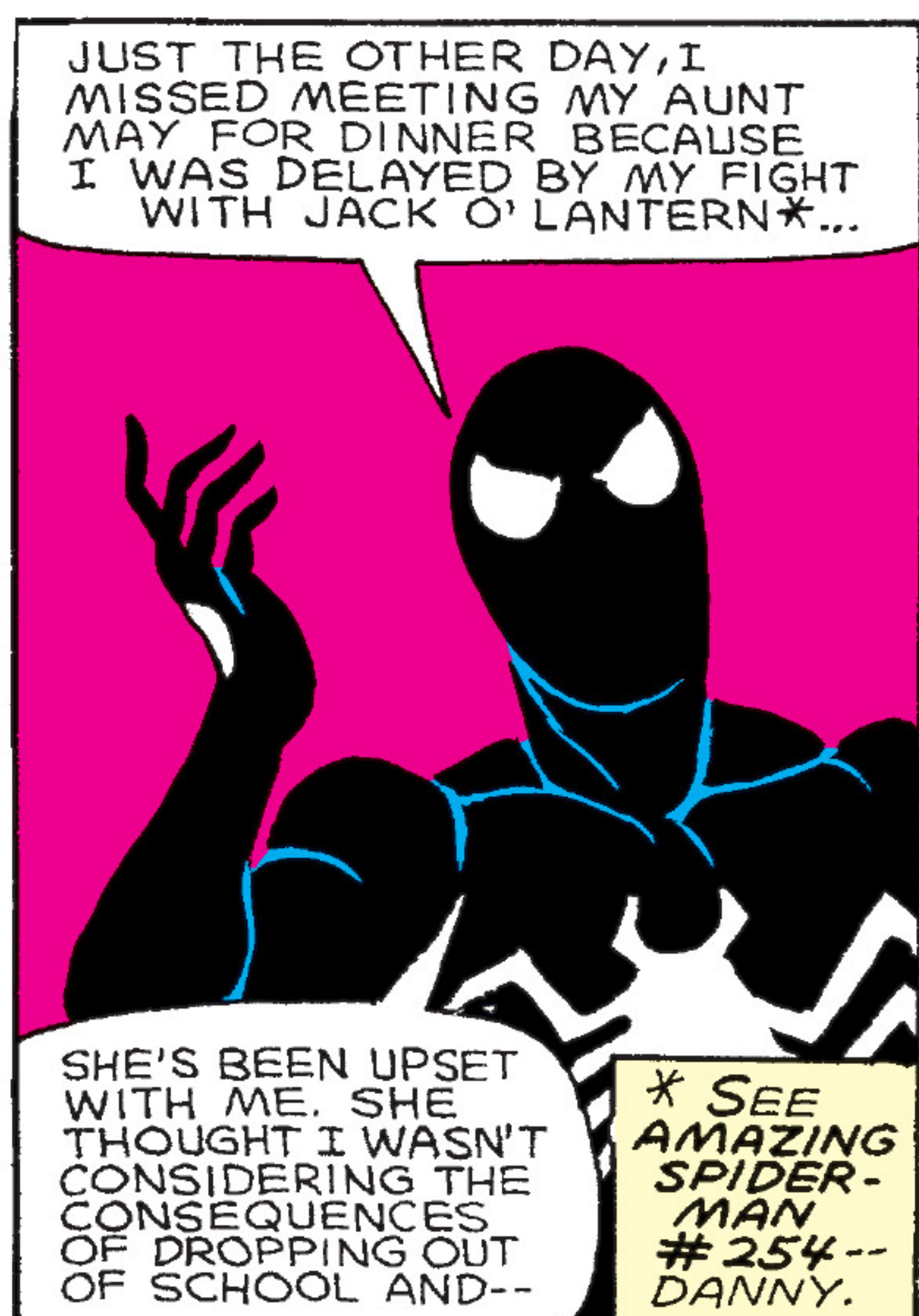
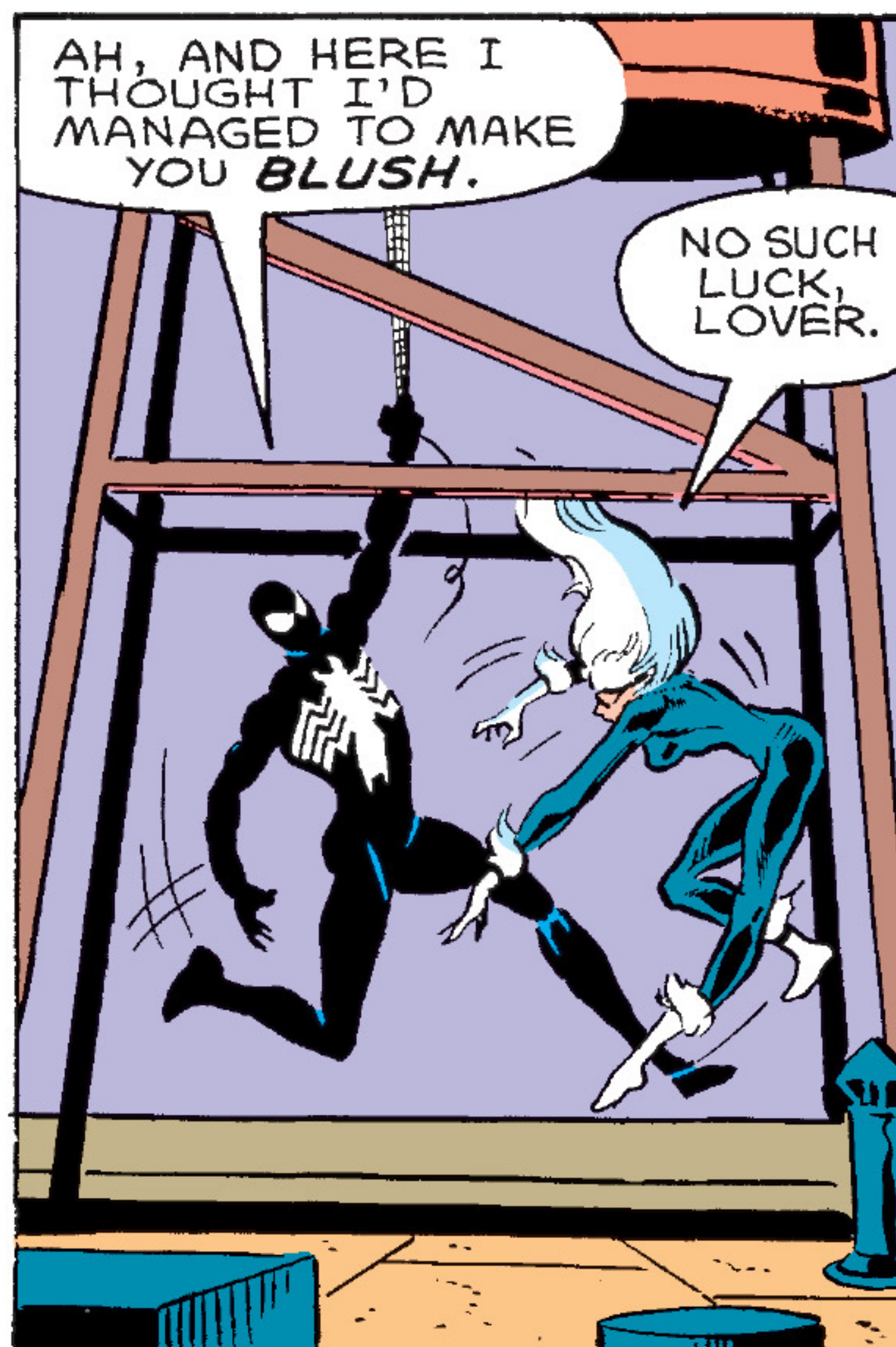


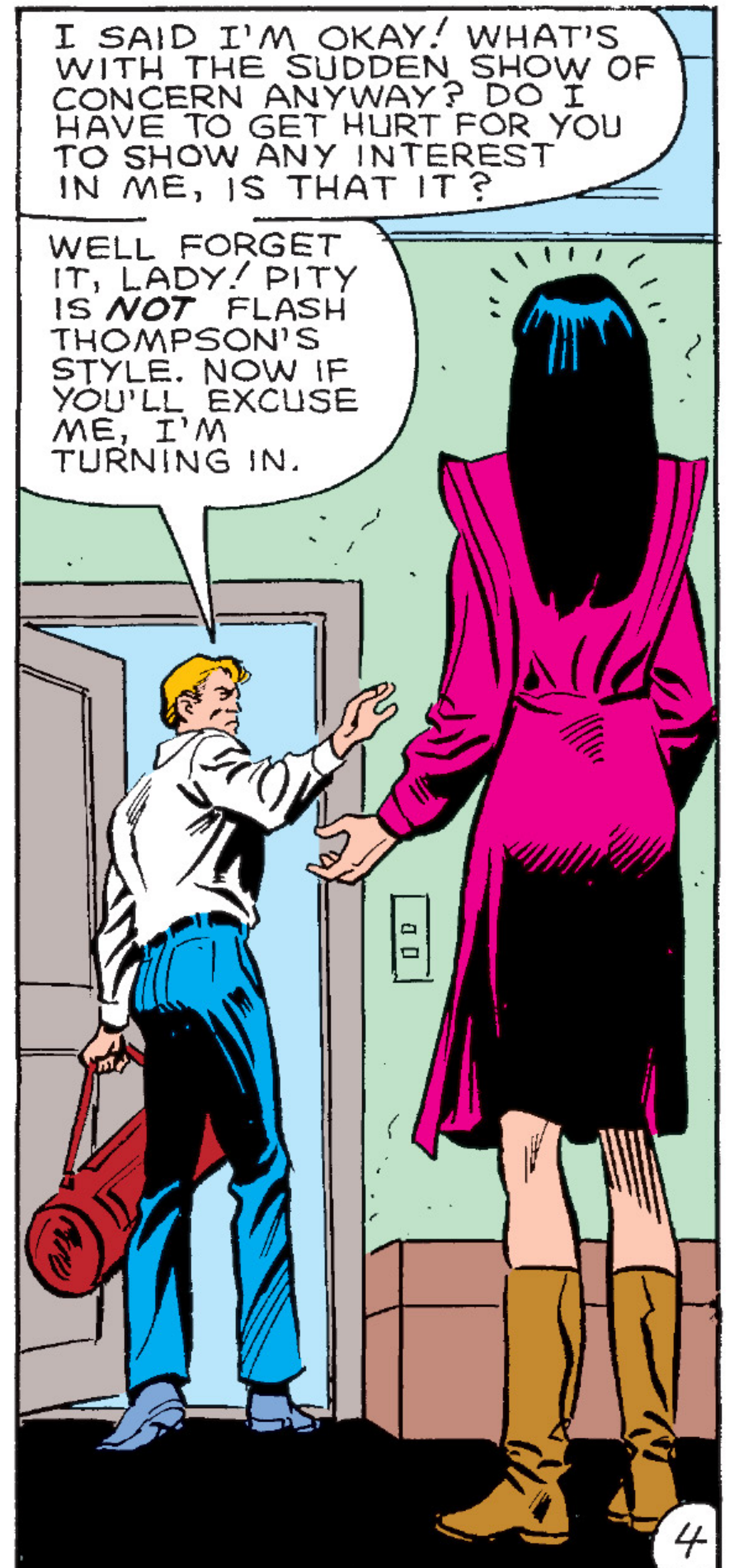
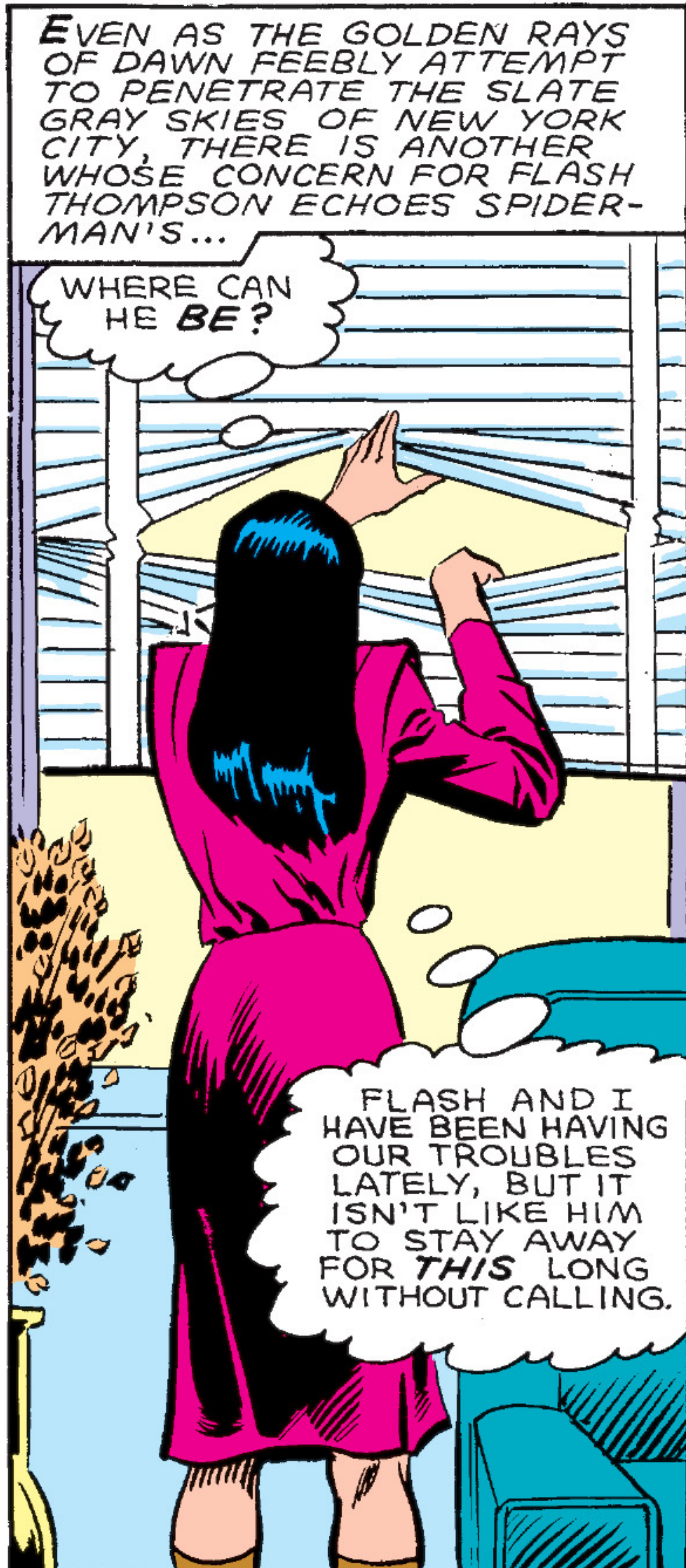
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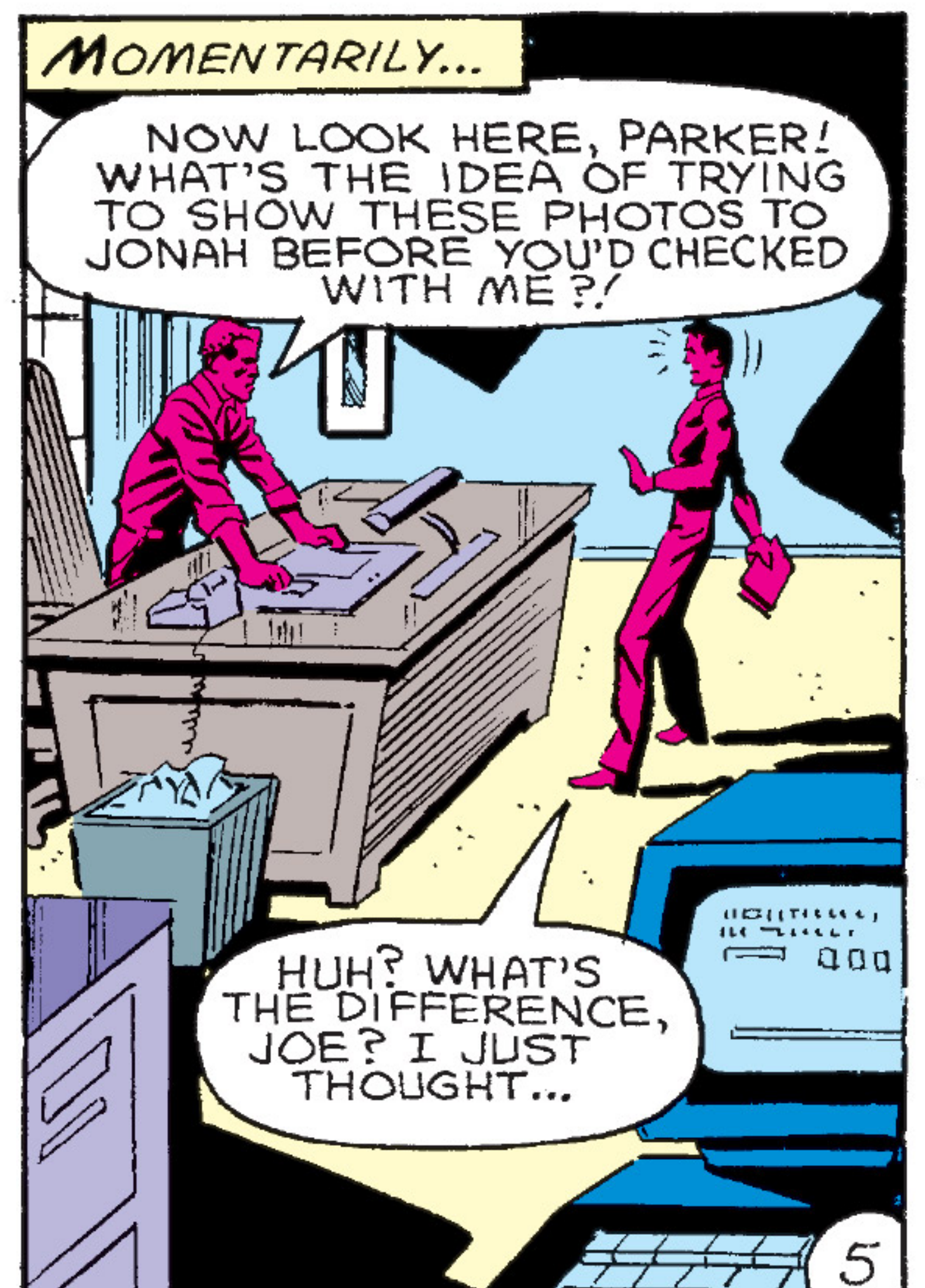
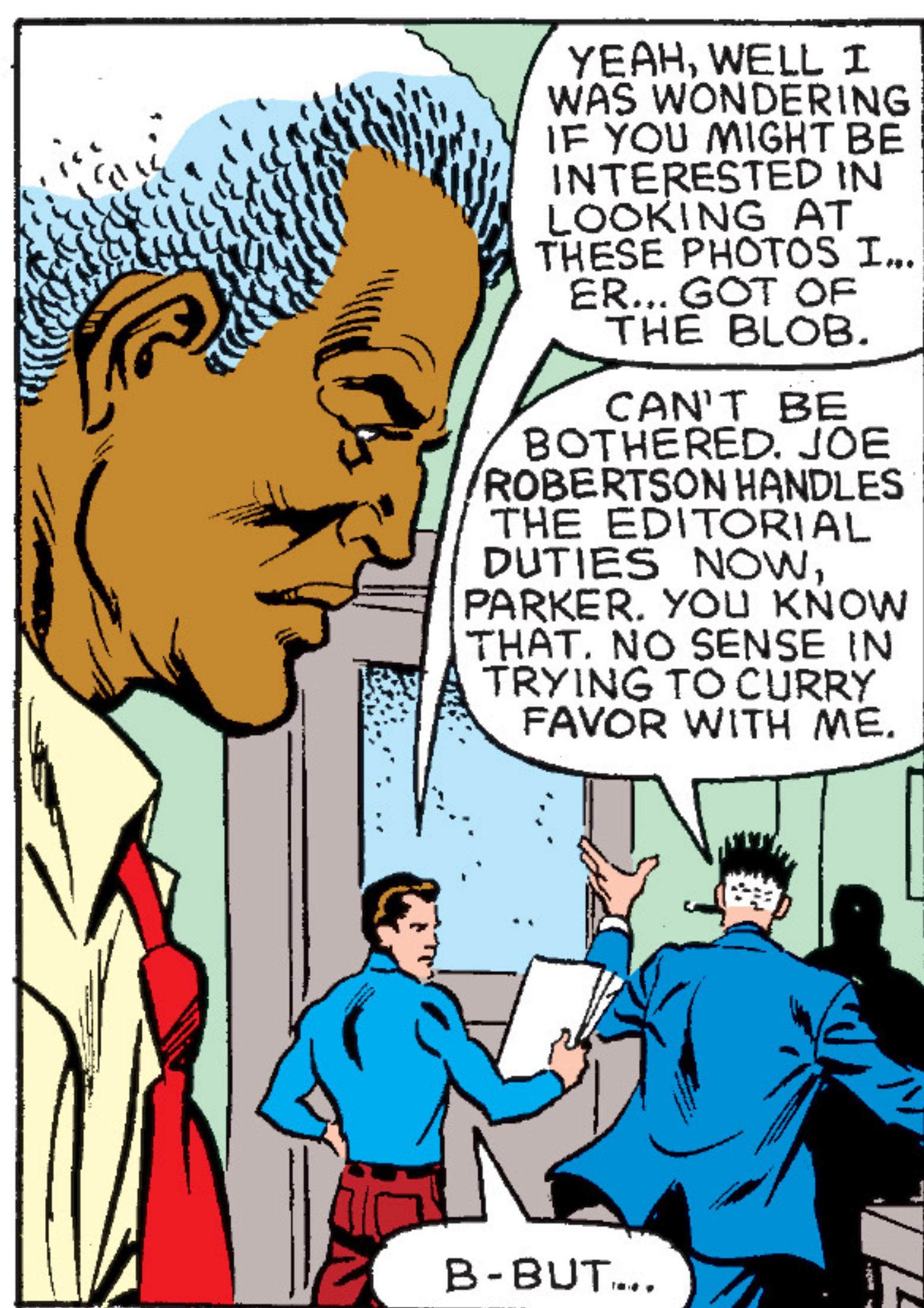
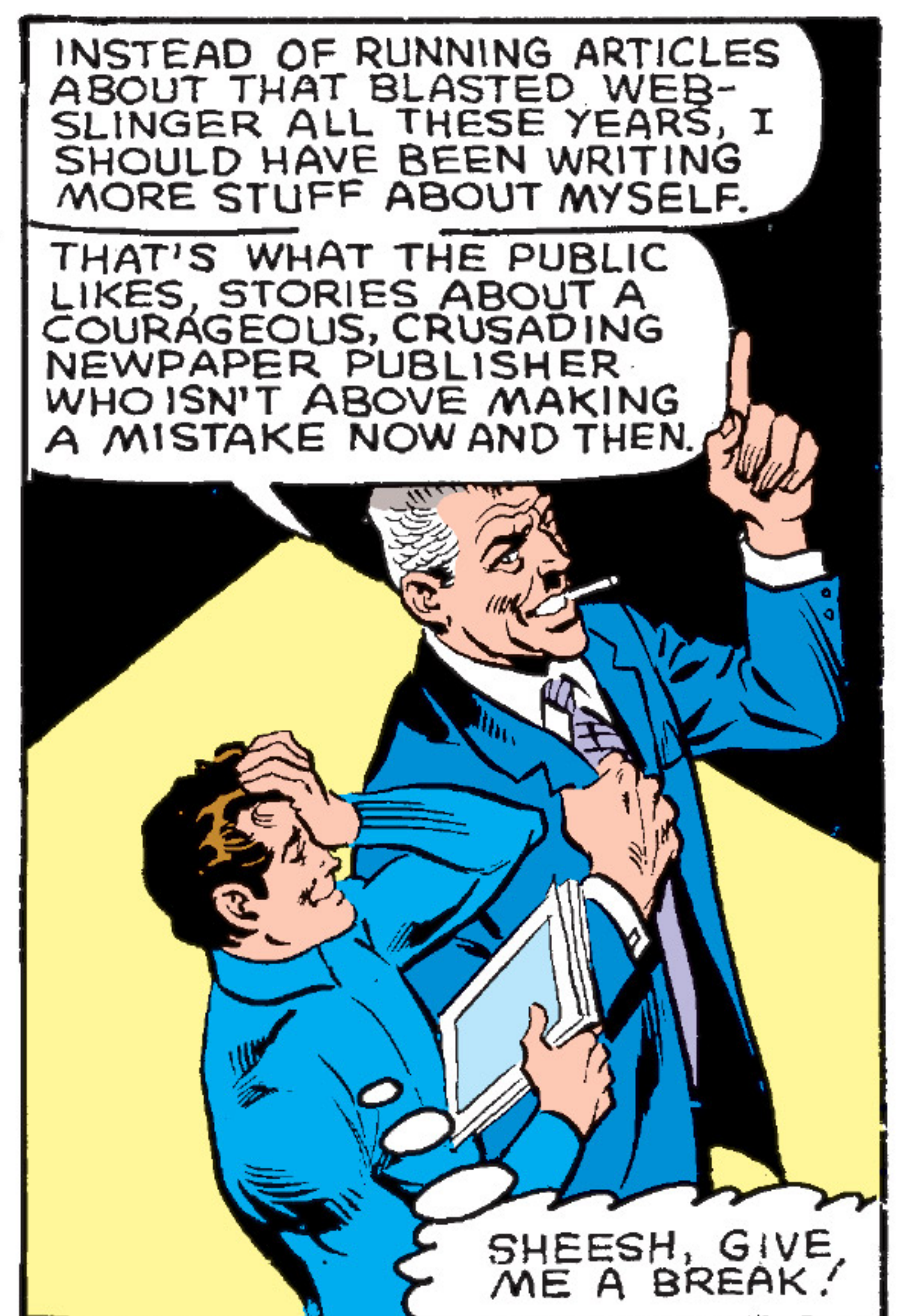
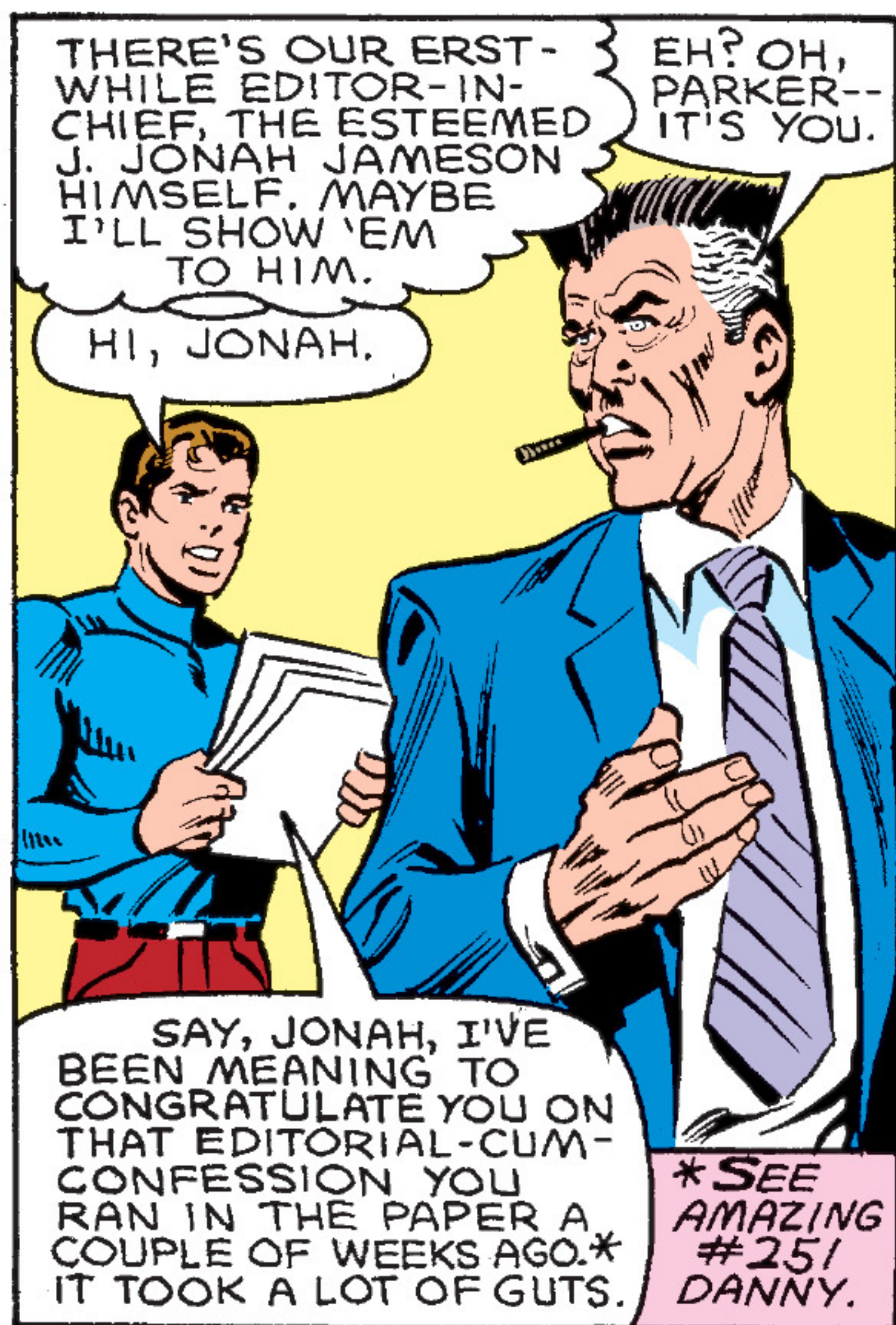
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IMAGINE TWO YOUNG,
ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE OUT
ON A DATE. SOUNDS LIKE
FUN, YOU SAY? YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT FUN CAN BE
UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE
IT HANGING UPSIDE DOWN
FROM A WATER TOWER
TWO HUNDRED FEET ABOVE
STREET LEVEL.

YES, YOU FIND YOUR
OWN WAYS OF MAKING
THINGS FUN WHEN YOU'RE
THE NIGHTTIME PROWLERS
KNOWN AS THE BLACK
CAT AND THE SPECTACULAR
SPIDER-MAN.







NO, YOU DIDN'T THINK! THAT'S THE PROBLEM! YOU'VE GOT PICTURES--YOU SHOW 'EM TO ME! THAT'S THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AROUND HERE!

BY GOING OVER MY HEAD TO JONAH, YOU'RE JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE. WHAT IF HE HATES THE SHOTS BUT I LIKE THEM? HE'S LIABLE TO START QUESTIONING MY JUDGMENT.

OKAY, JOE. LIGHTEN UP. I DIDN'T THINK I WAS COMPROMISING ANYONE'S INTEGRITY JUST 'CAUSE I ASKED JJJ TO LOOK AT SOME SNAPSHOTS. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

I'M SORRY I SNAPPED AT YOU, PETER.

I GUESS I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN A HANDLE ON ALL THE NEW PRESSURES I'M UNDER SINCE I TOOK OVER THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF JOB.

IT'S OKAY JOE, I UNDERSTAND.

NOW ABOUT THOSE PHOTOS...

WHY, PETER, THESE SHOTS ARE... **GREAT!** I GUESS YOU TOOK TO HEART MY LITTLE LECTURE ABOUT YOUR WORK BEING FULL OF PASSION BUT SHORT ON TECHNICAL FINESSE, EH?

THE SHOTS ARE CLEARER, CHOICE OF ANGLE IS BETTER, GOOD DEPTH OF FIELD. QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT. PUT IN A VOUCHER AND GO BY PAYROLL FOR A CHECK.

ER... RIGHT. THANKS, JOE.

AND SOON... I'D HAVE FELT BETTER ABOUT ALL THAT PRAISE JOE WAS HEAPING ON ME IF I'D **DE-SERVED** IT. BUT **FELICIA** TOOK THOSE PICTURES.

MAYBE I OUGHT TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE AT ONE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS. I NEVER DID HAVE ANY REAL TRAINING.

WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER--

--RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT ME A CHECK TO CASH.

LET ME HAVE THIS IN SMALL BILLS, WILL YOU MISS?

OH, I **AM** SORRY SIR, BUT YOUR PRESENT BALANCE IS INSUFFICIENT TO COVER THE AMOUNT OF THIS CHECK.

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT FIVE WORKING DAYS TILL IT CLEARS.

WHAT?!

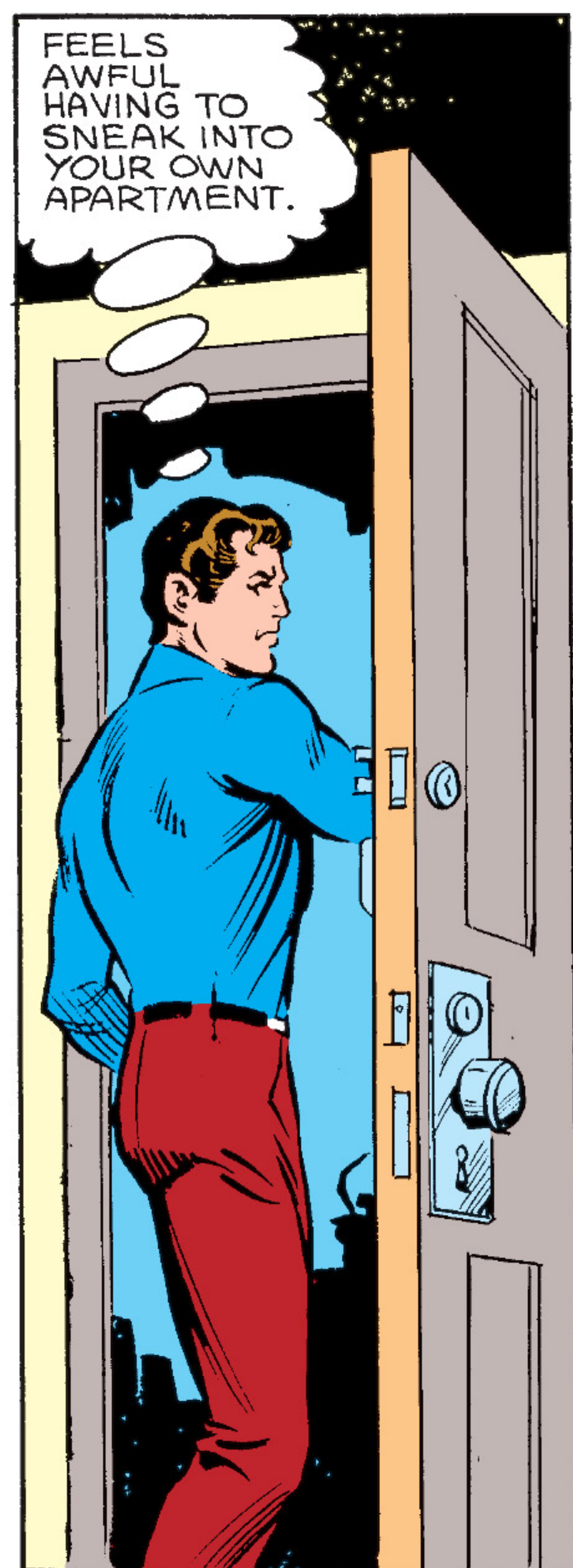
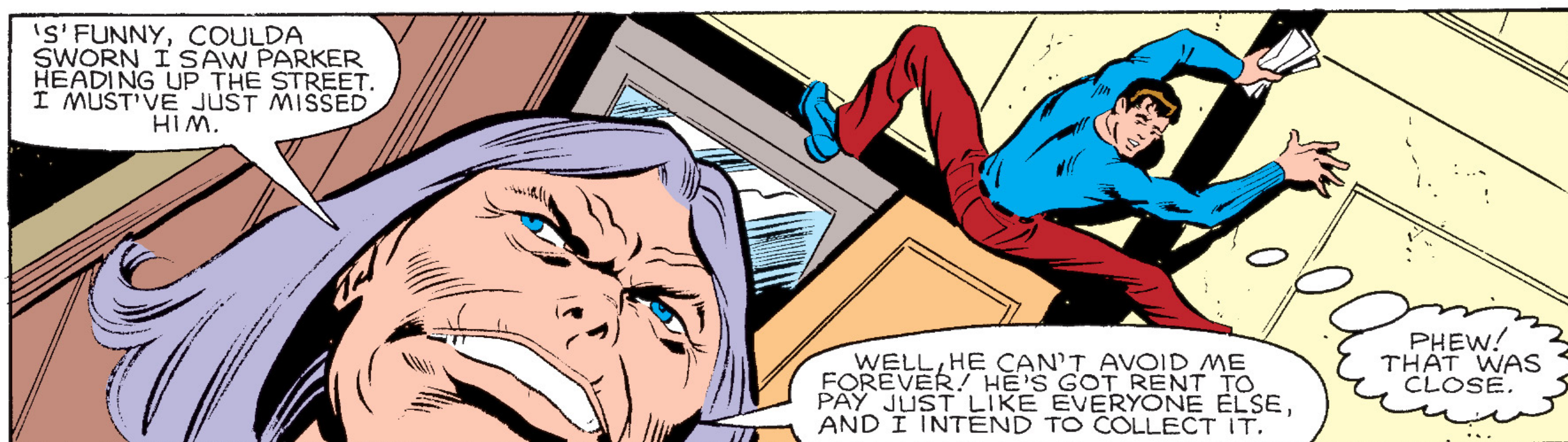
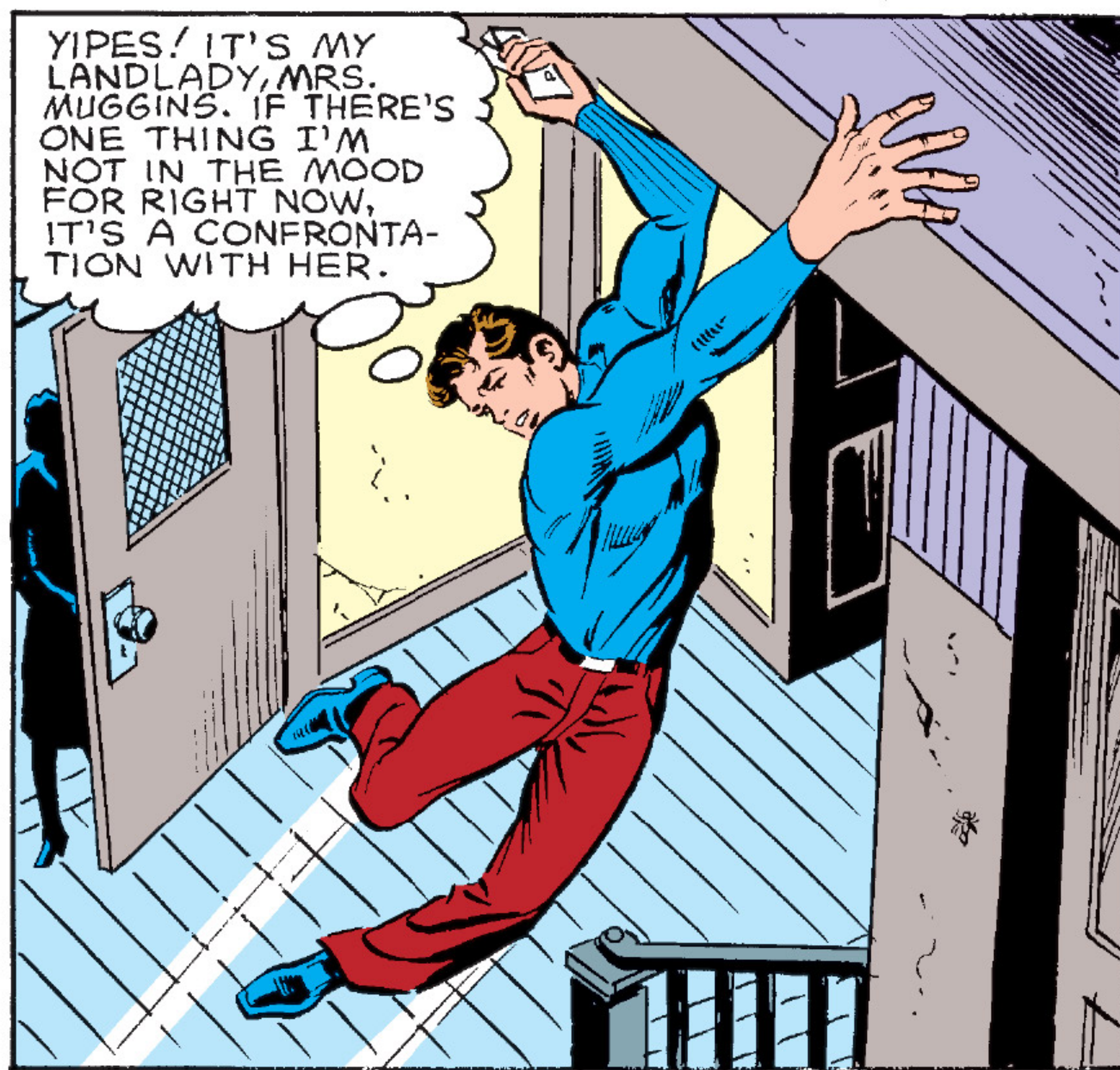
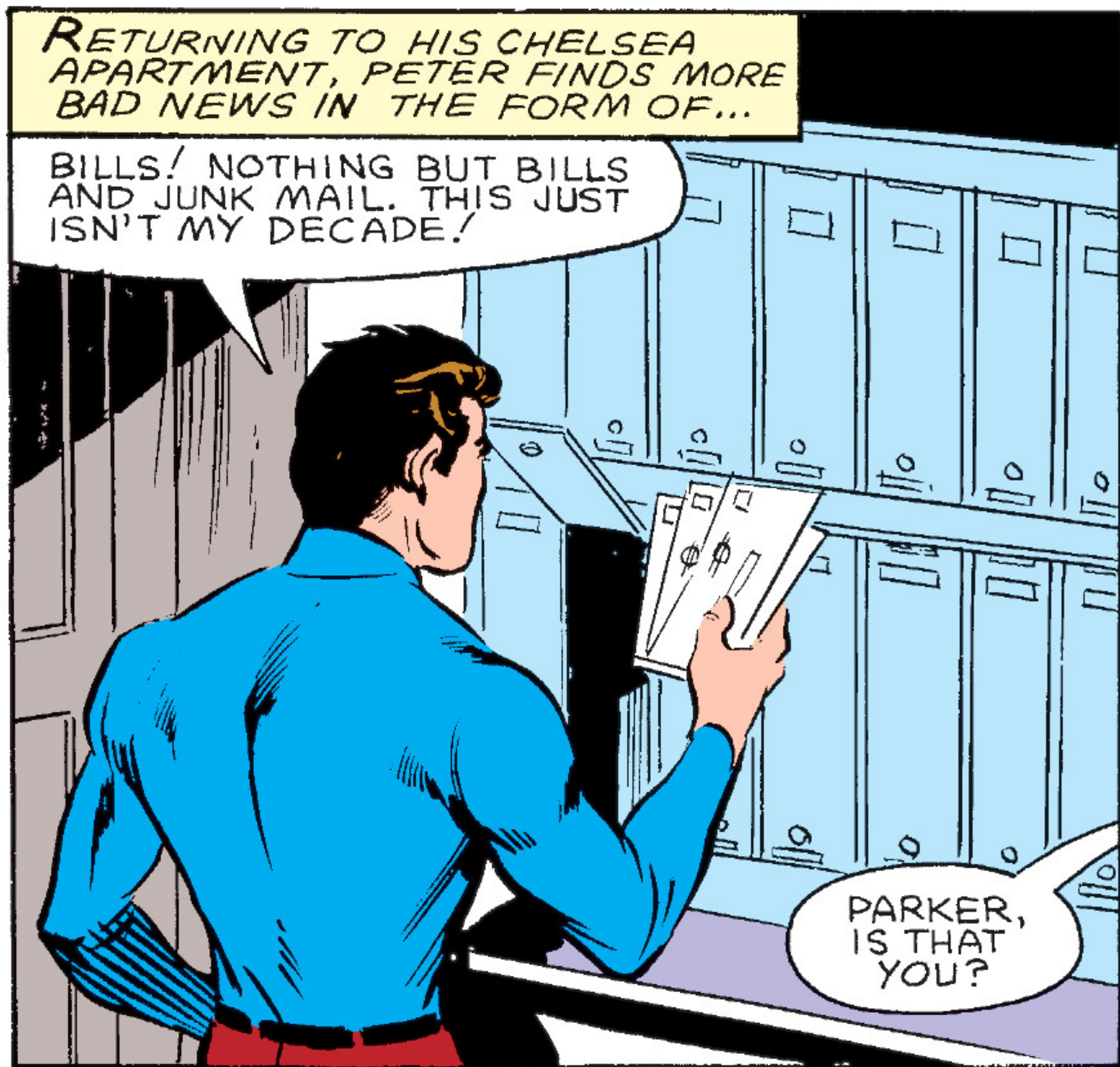
NUTS!! THAT MEANS I'M STILL BROKE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK!

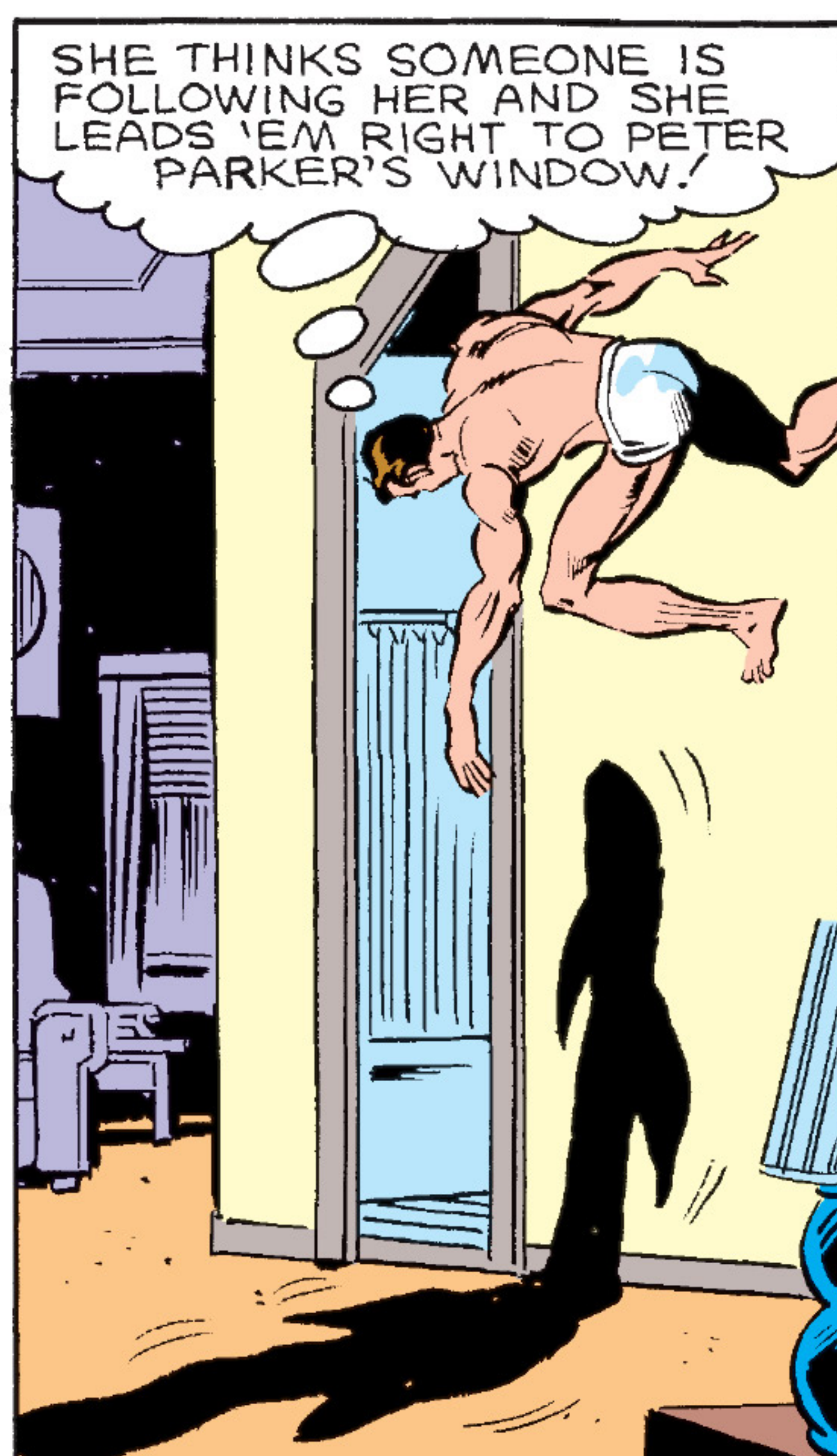
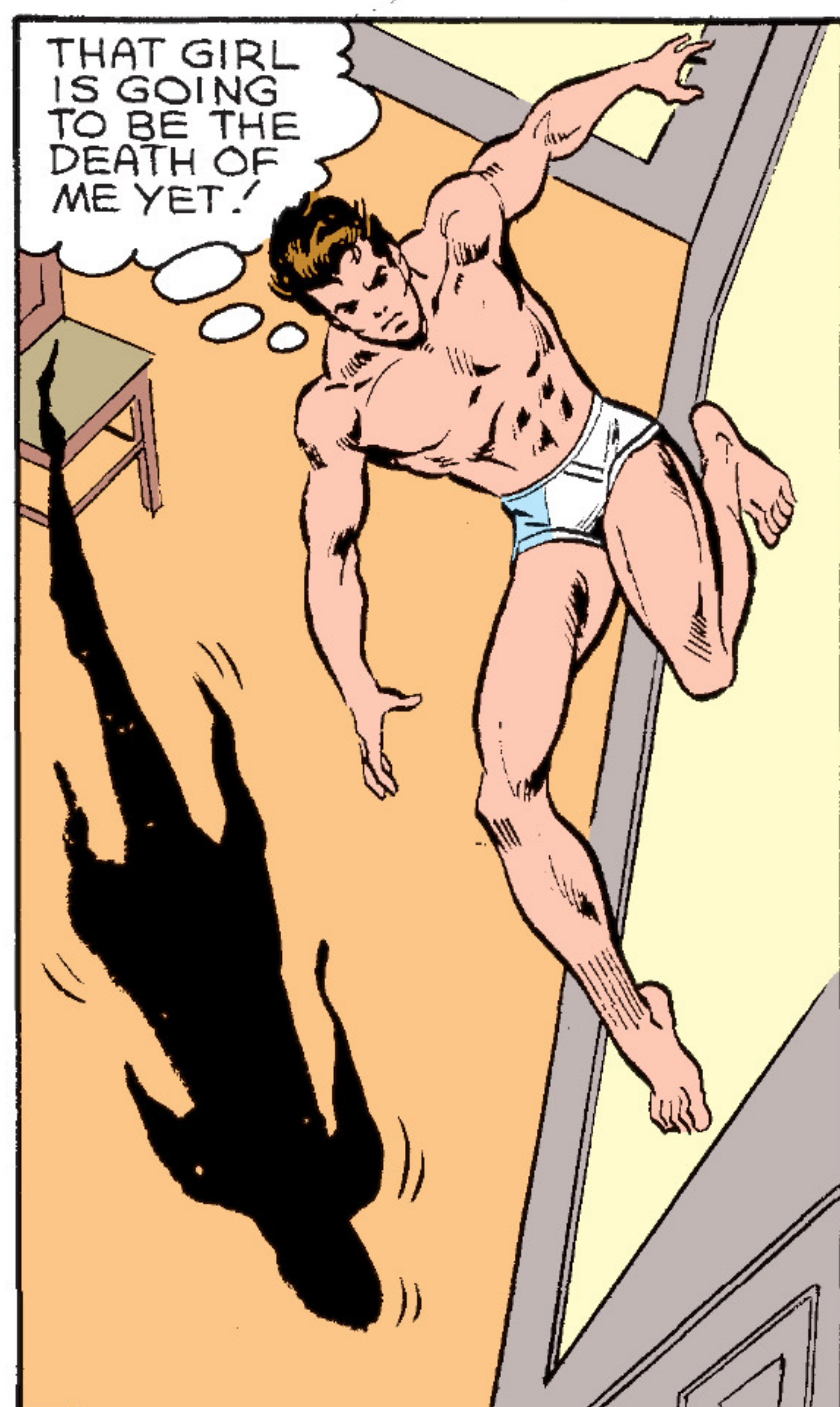
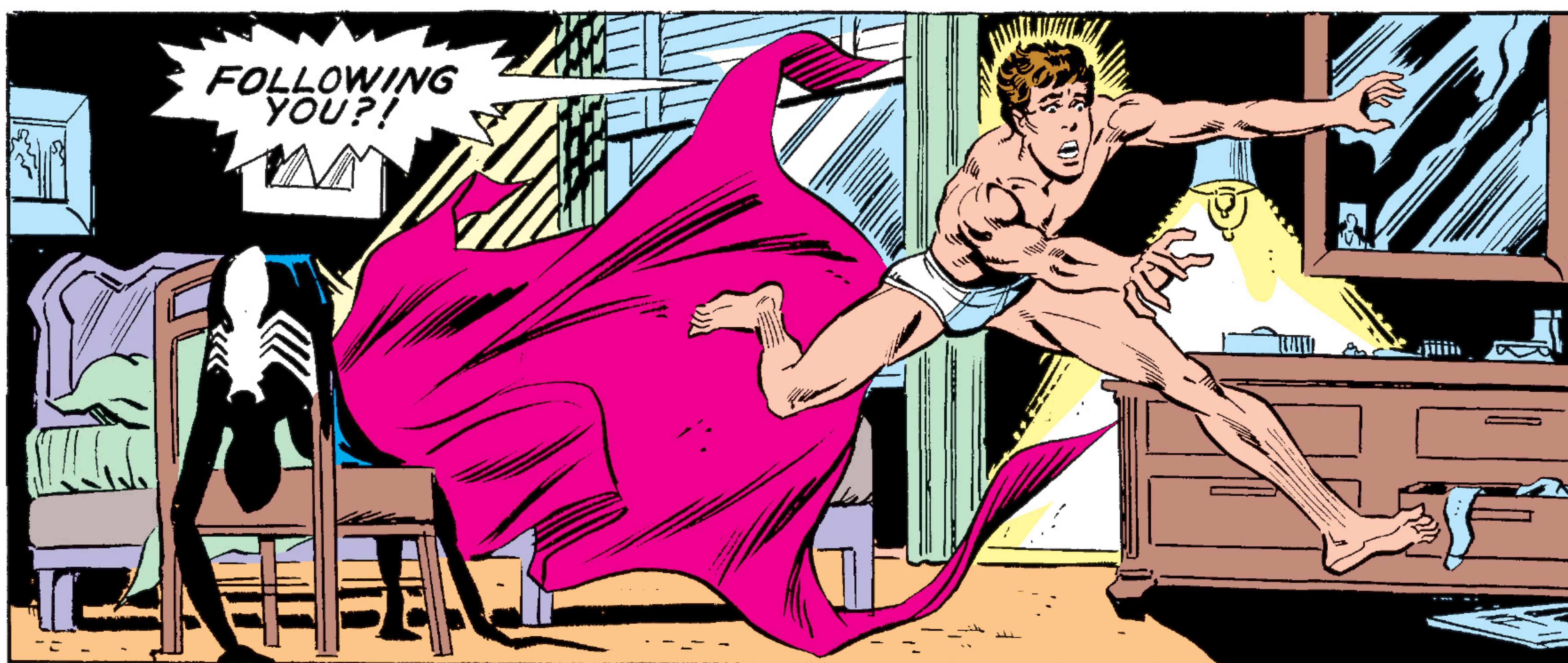
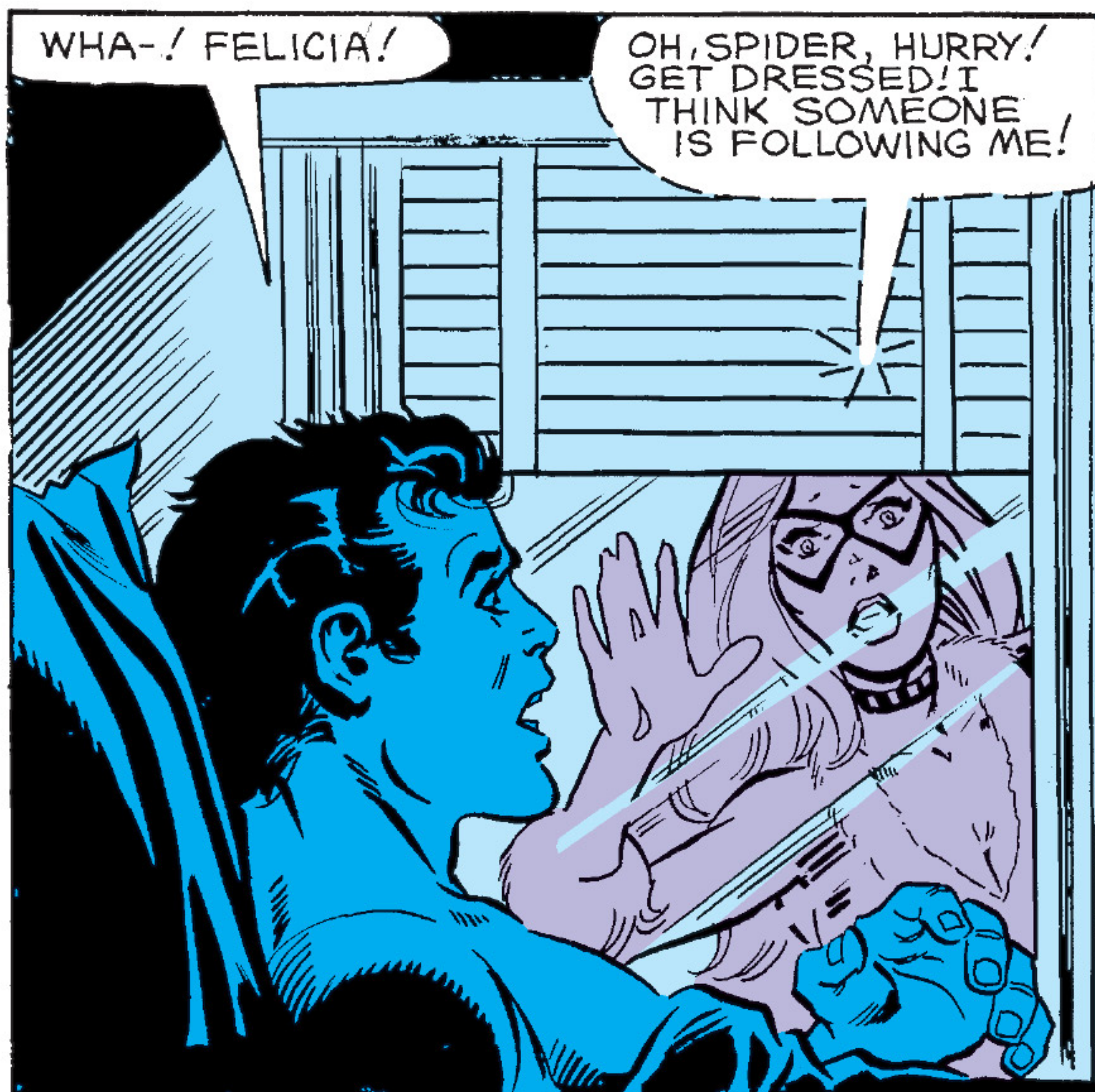
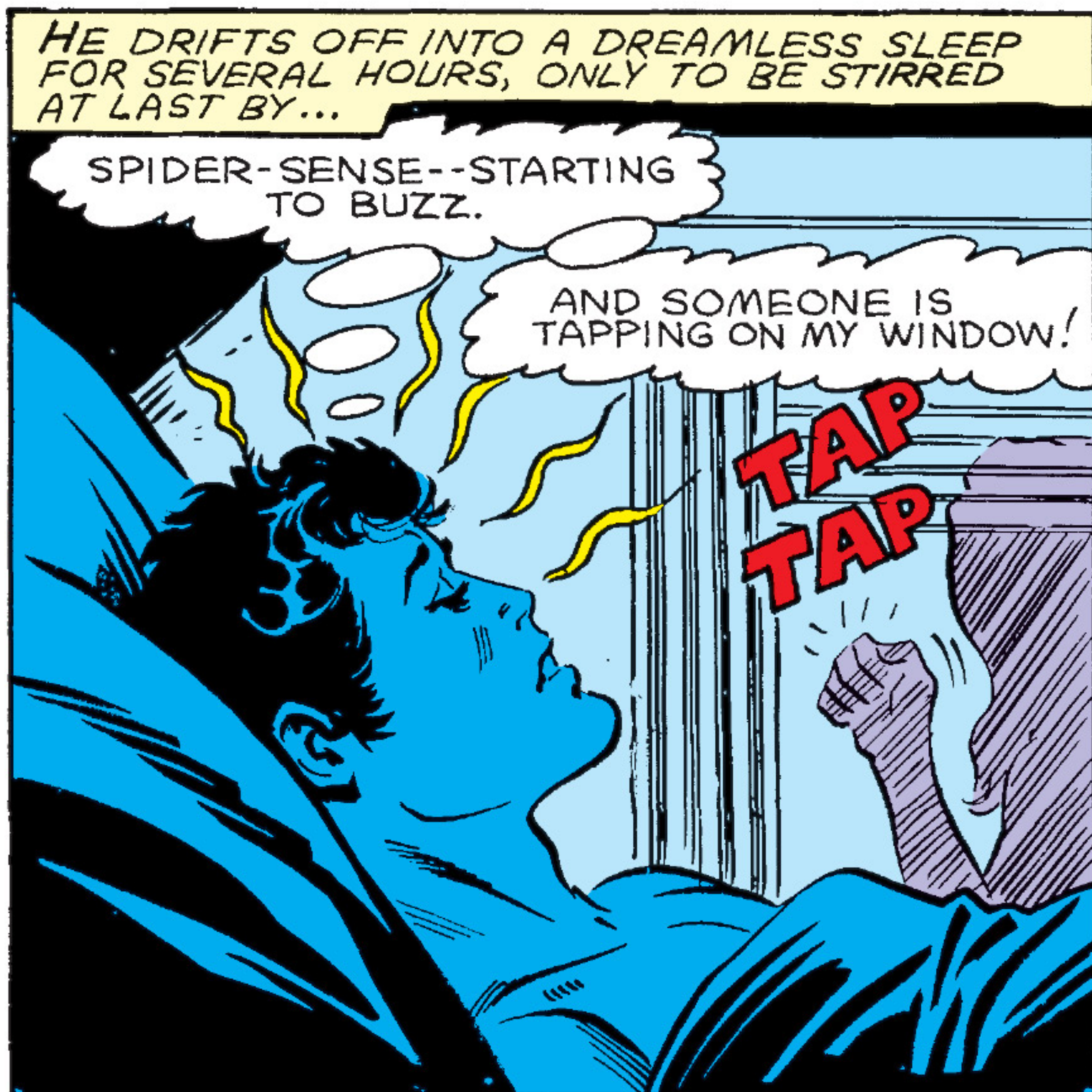
AND WITH MY LUCK THE BANK'LL GO BELLY UP BY THEN!

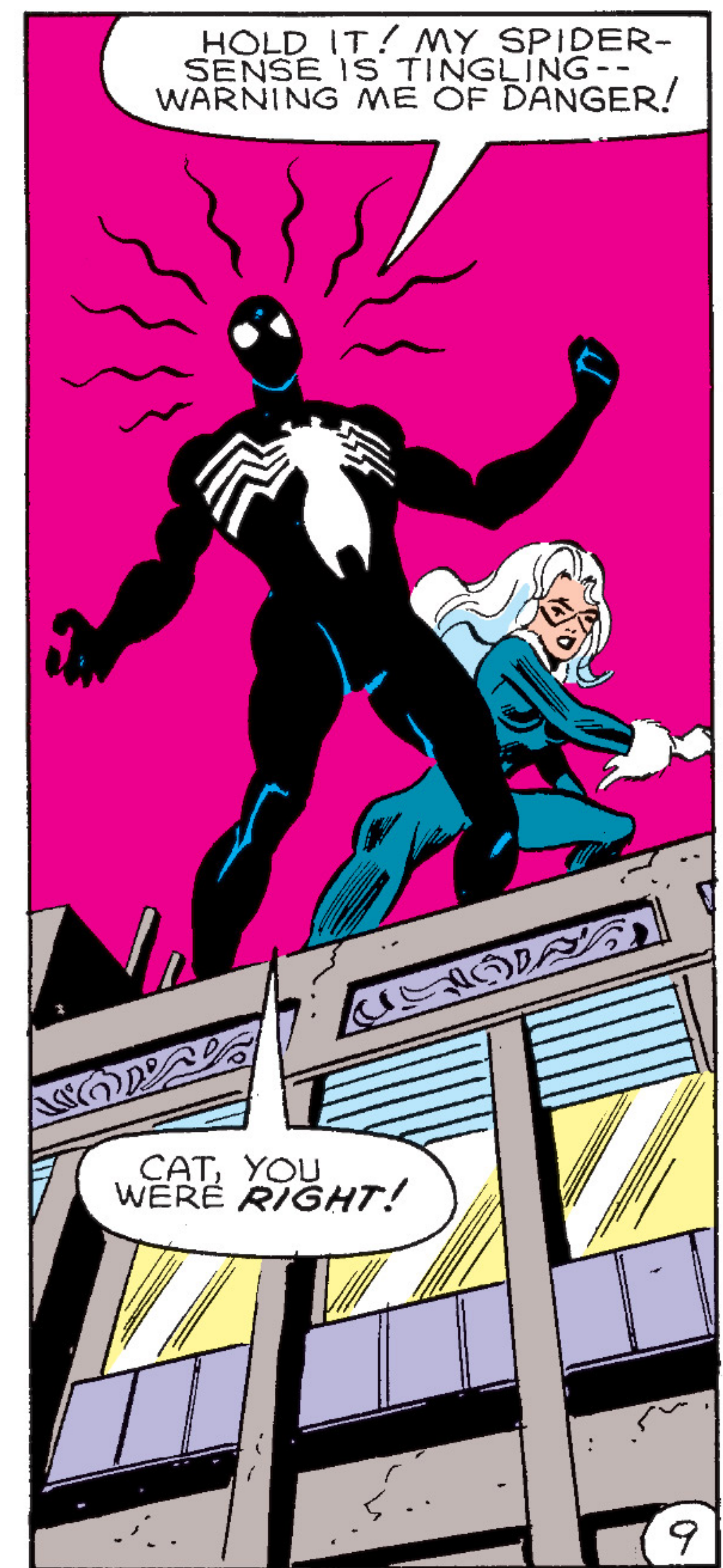
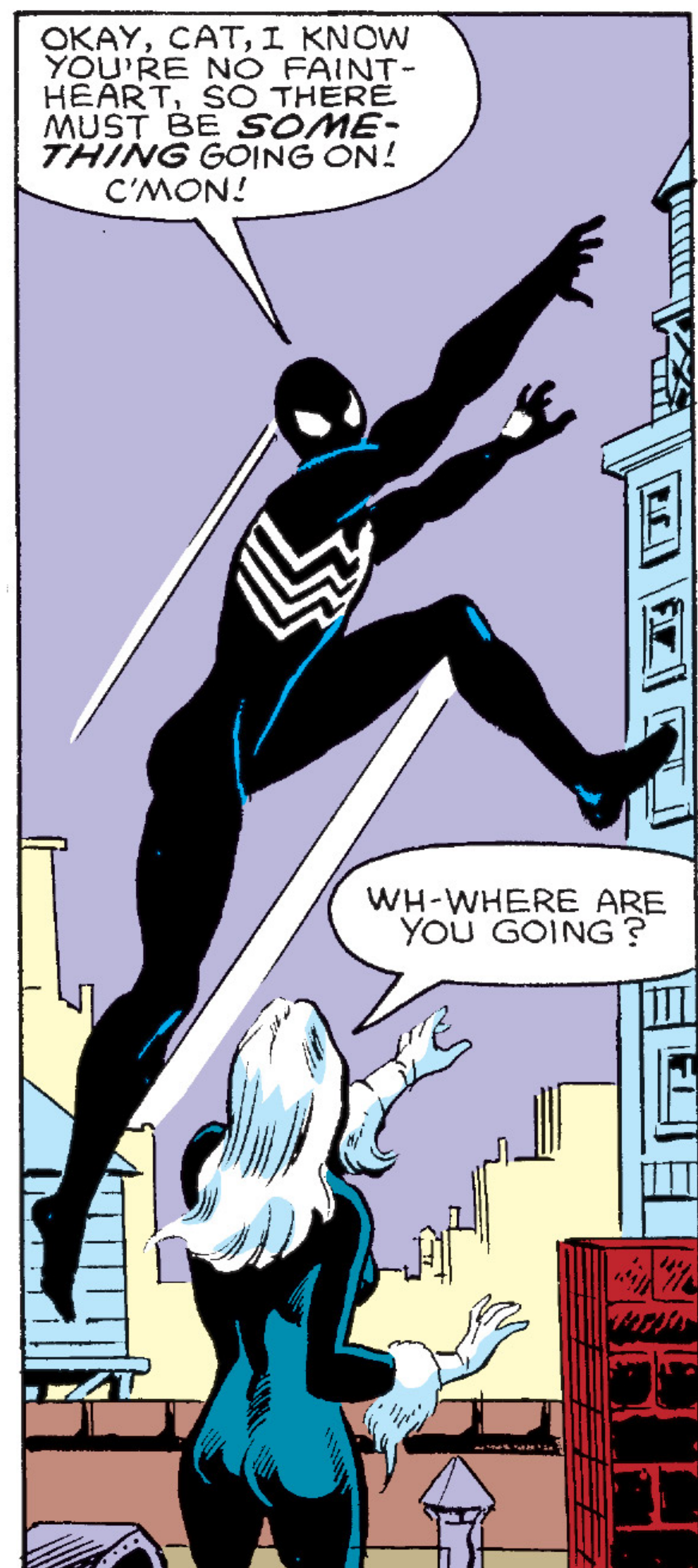
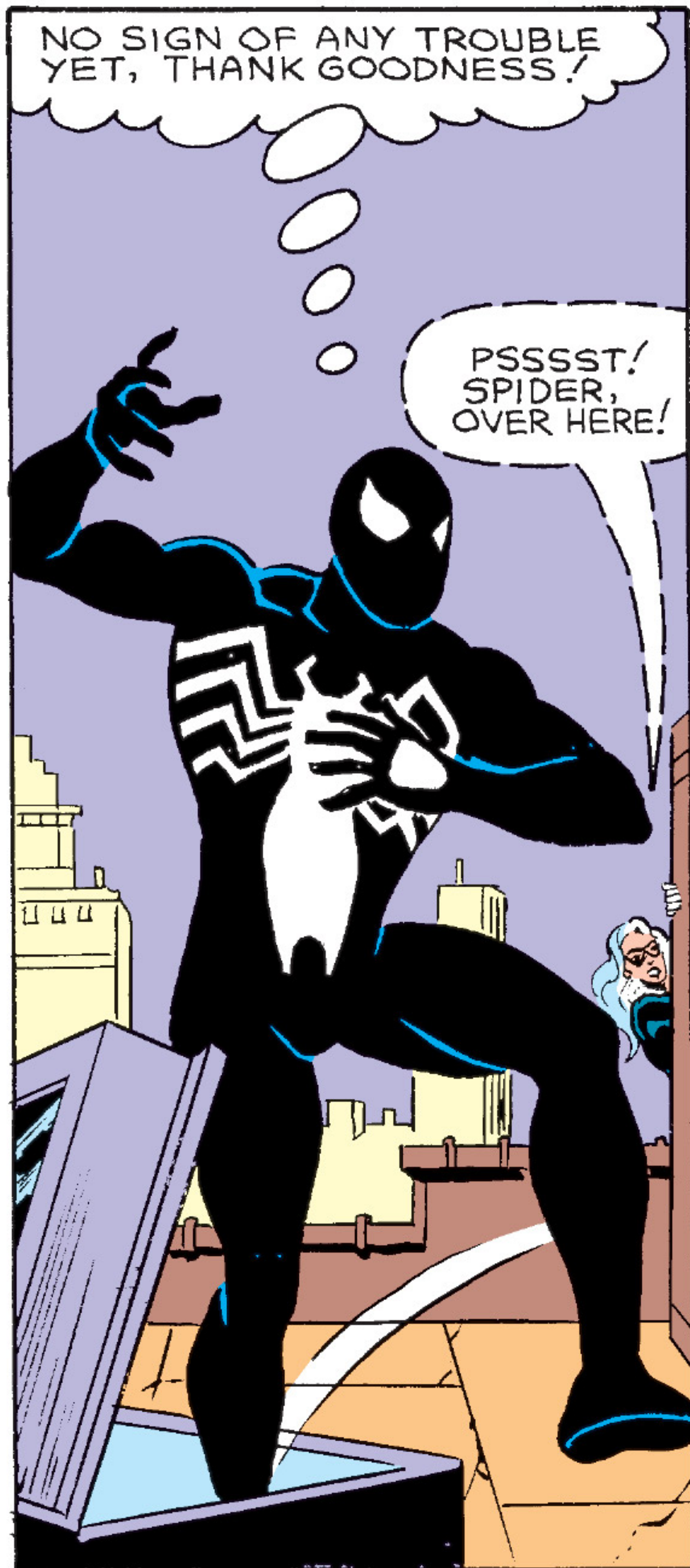
OH, NO, SIR! I ASSURE YOU OUR ASSETS ARE QUITE SOUND...

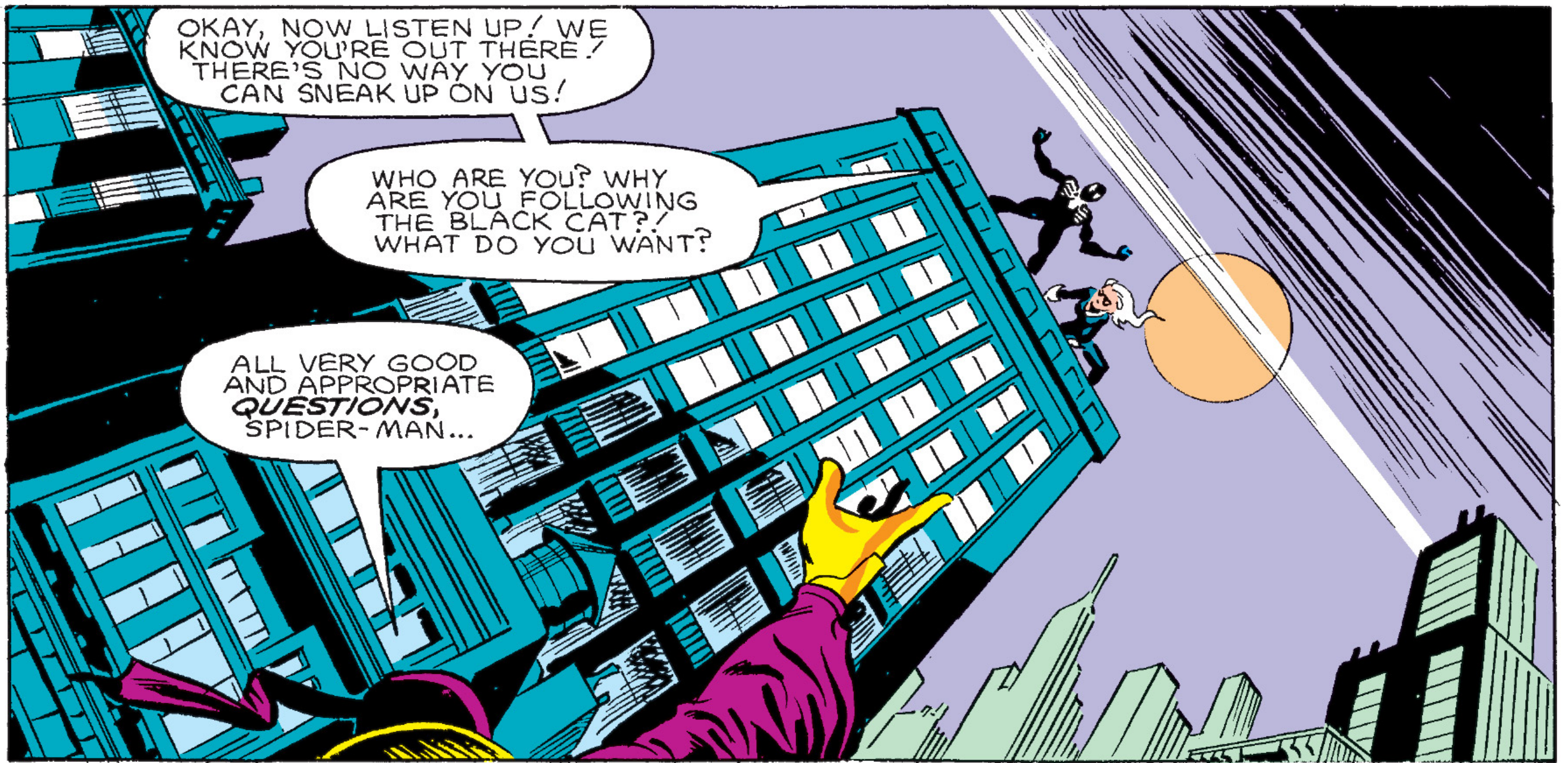
FORGET IT!

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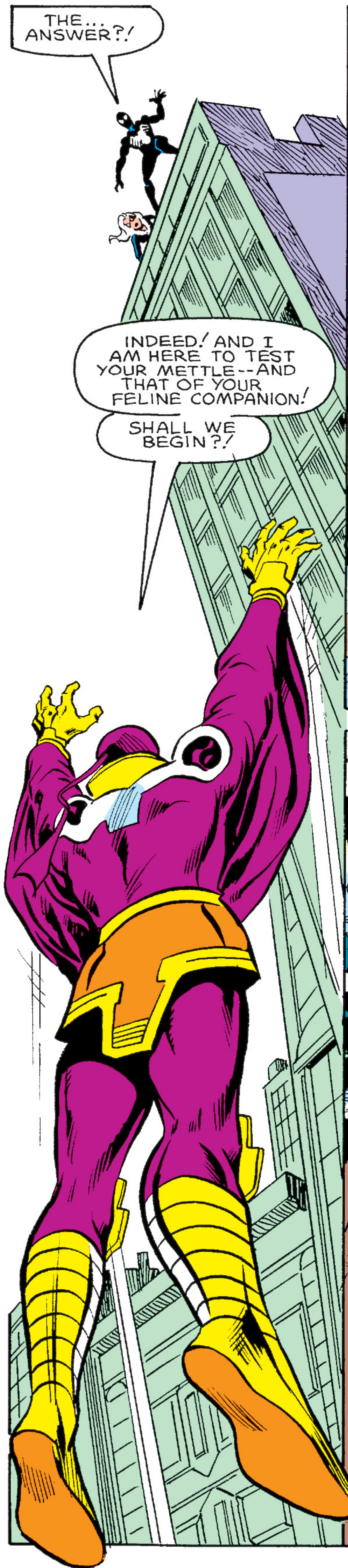
OKAY, NOW LISTEN UP! WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE! THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN SNEAK UP ON US!

WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE BLACK CAT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

ALL VERY GOOD AND APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS, SPIDER-MAN...

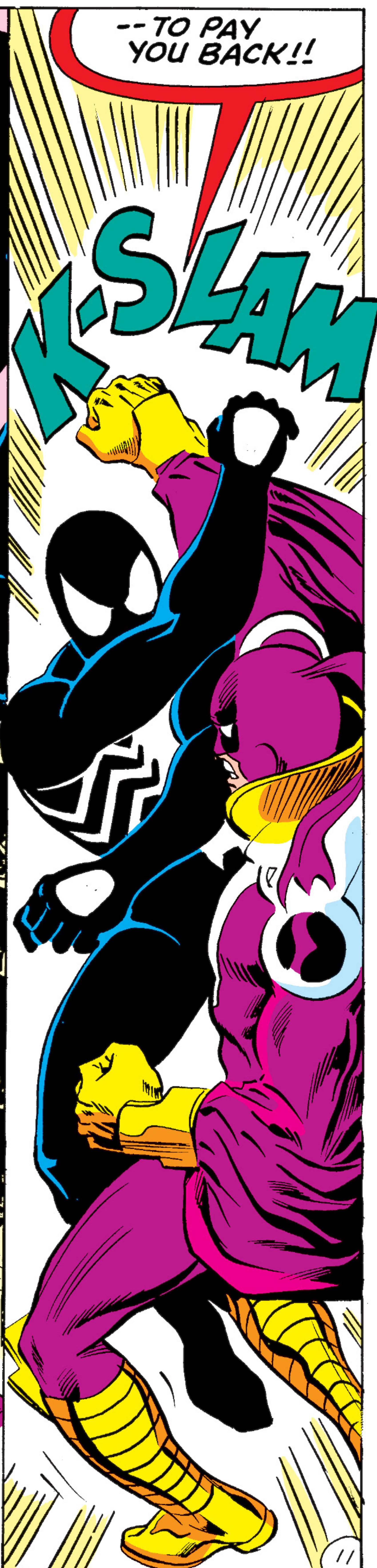
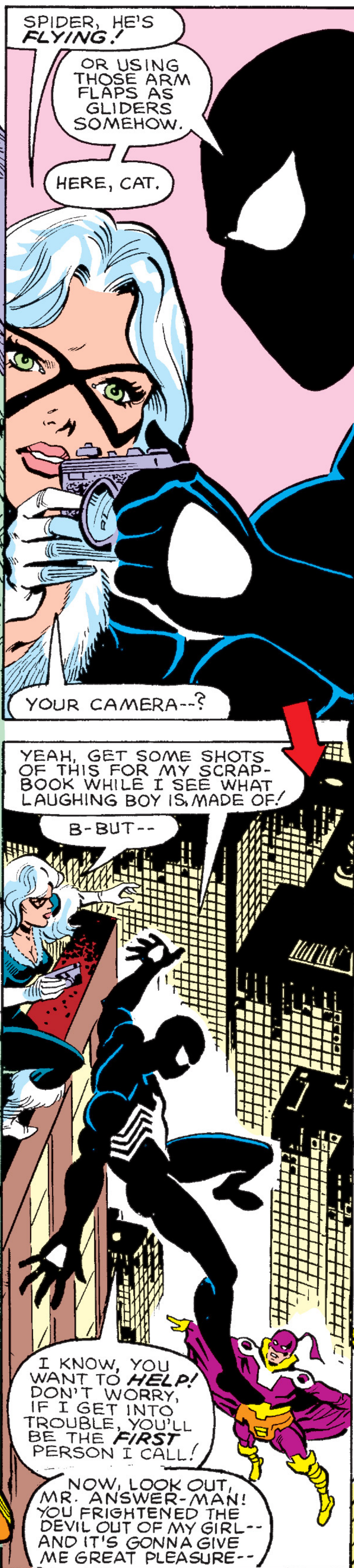


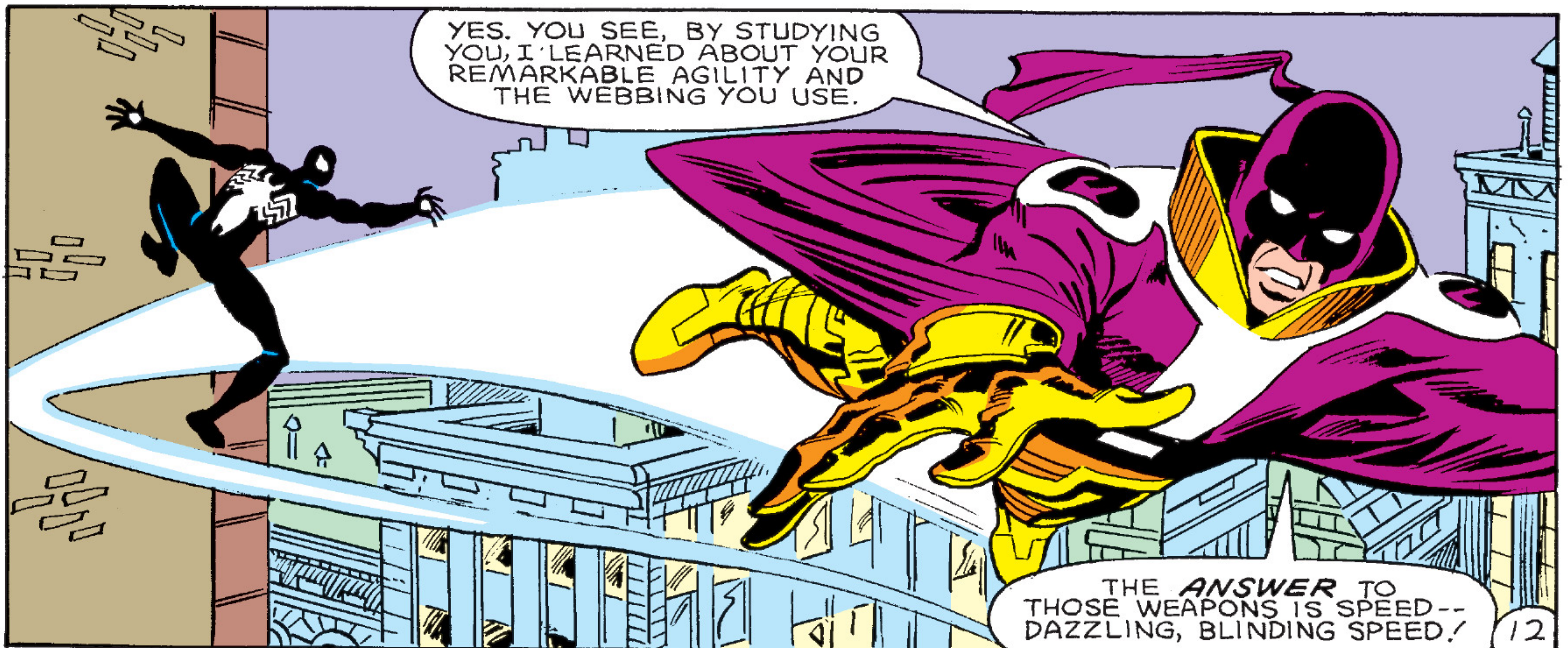
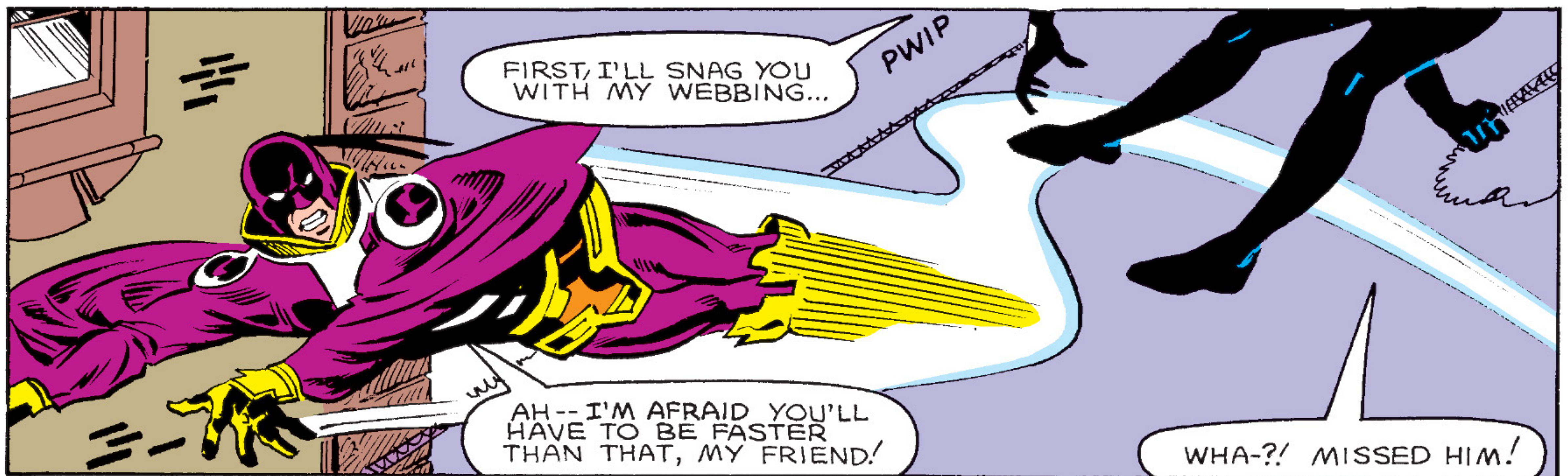
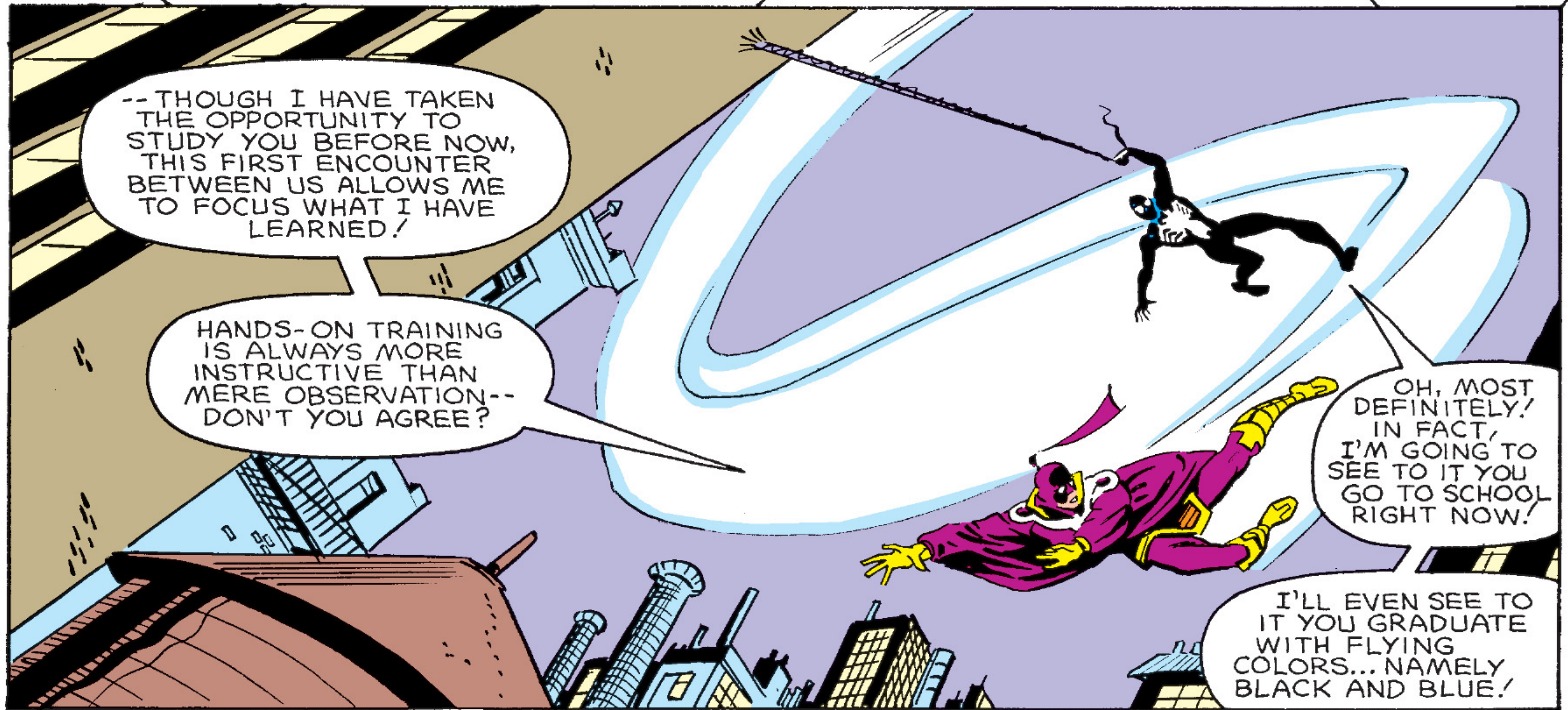
AND I AM...
THE ANSWER!

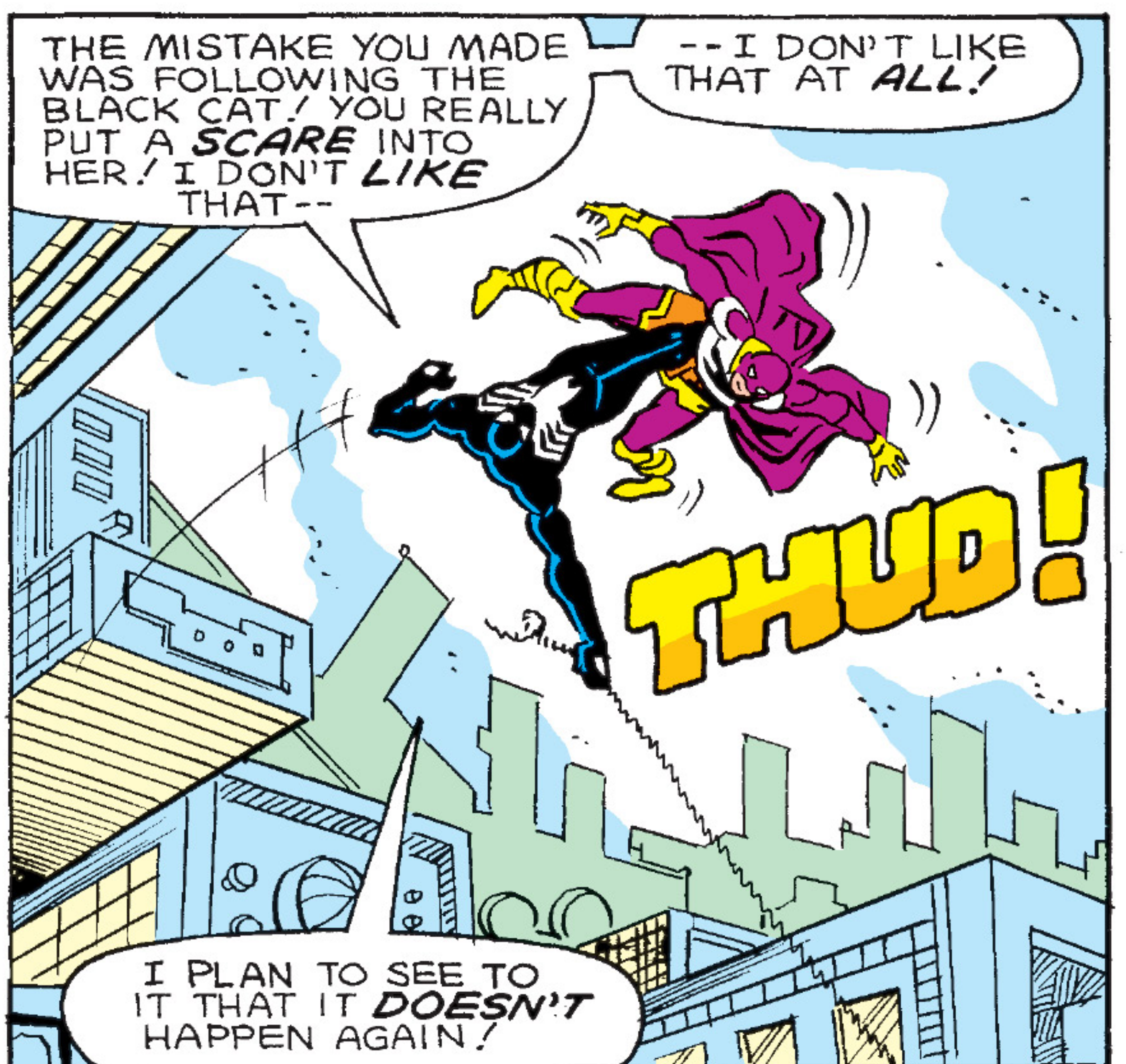
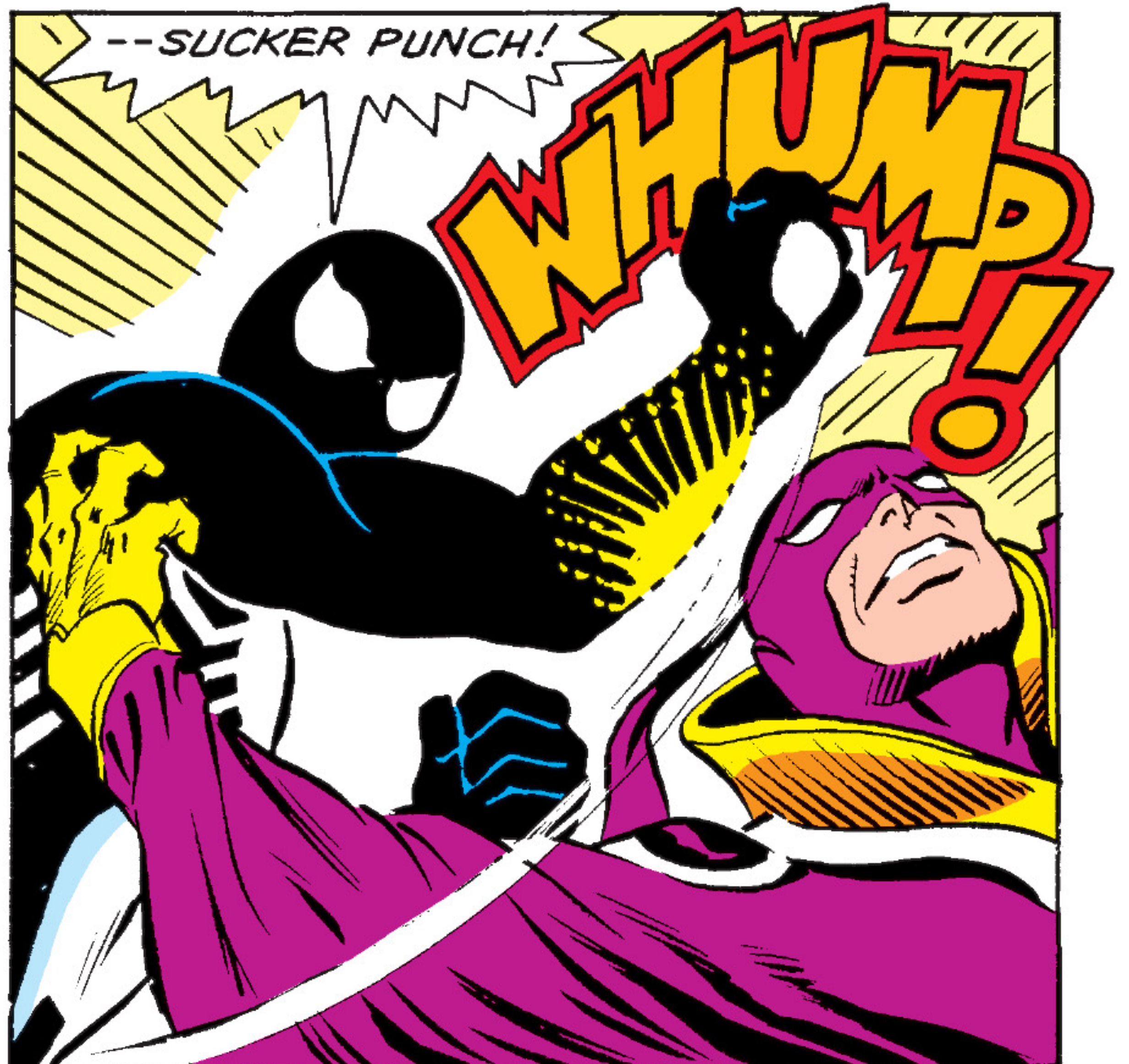
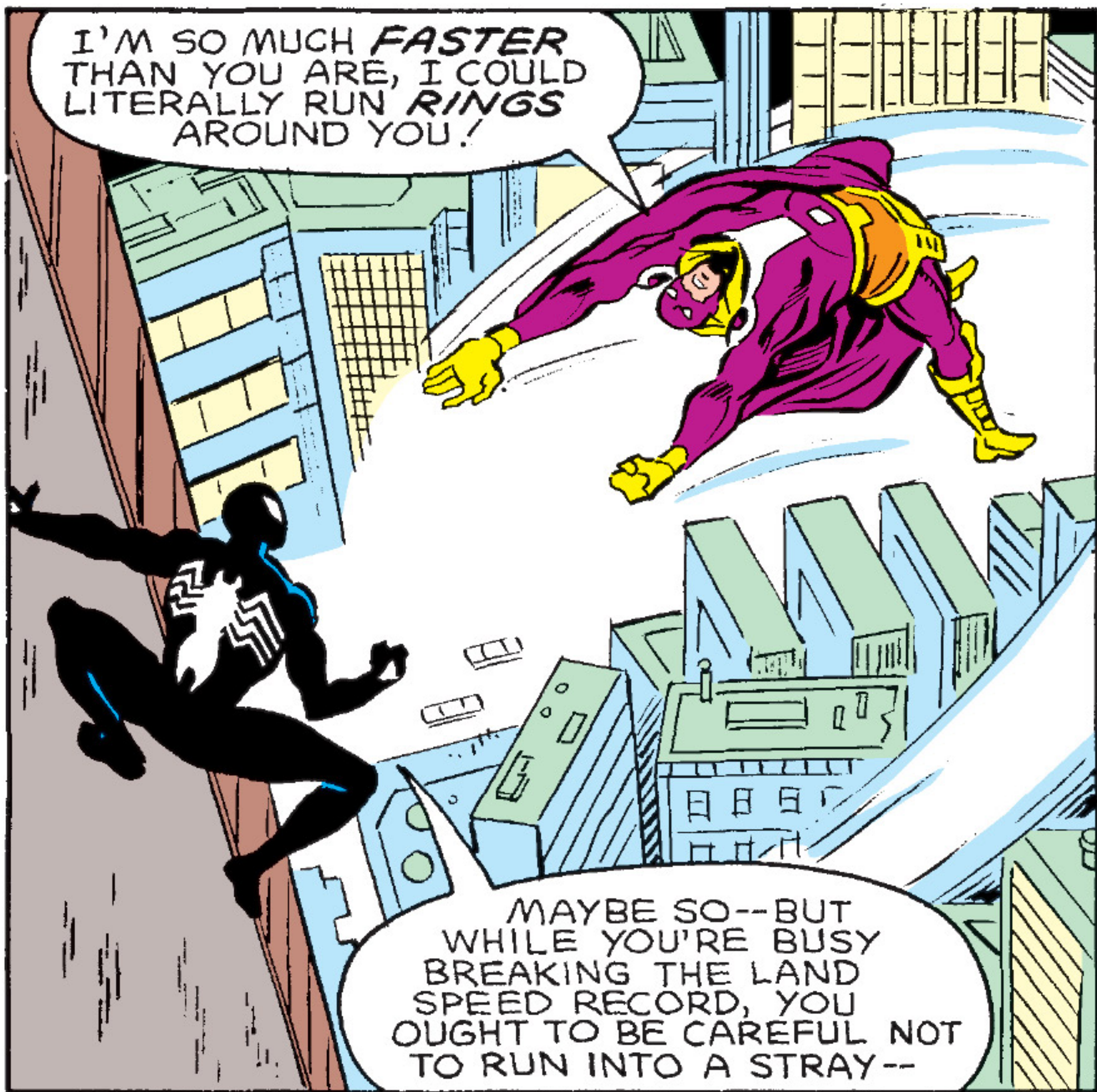


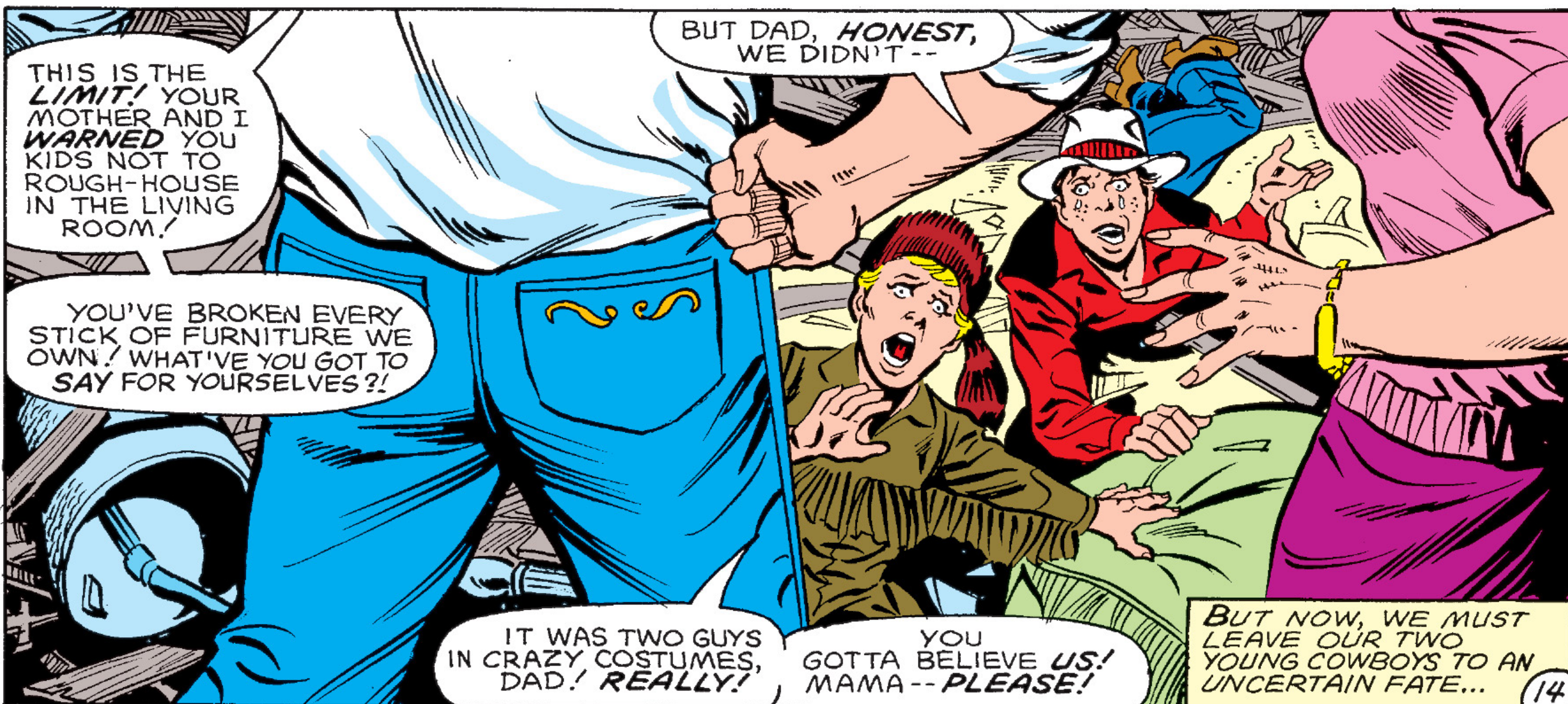
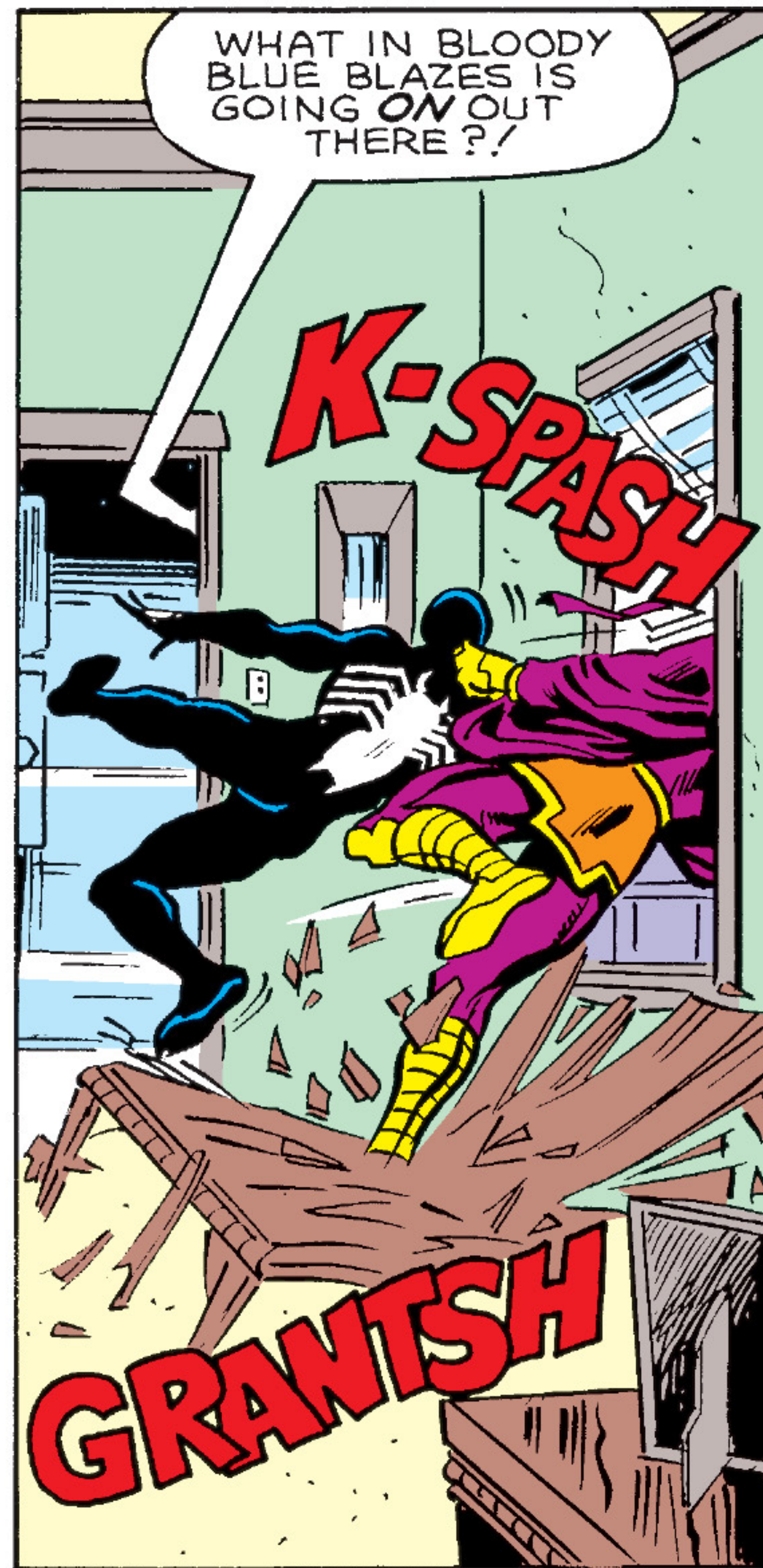
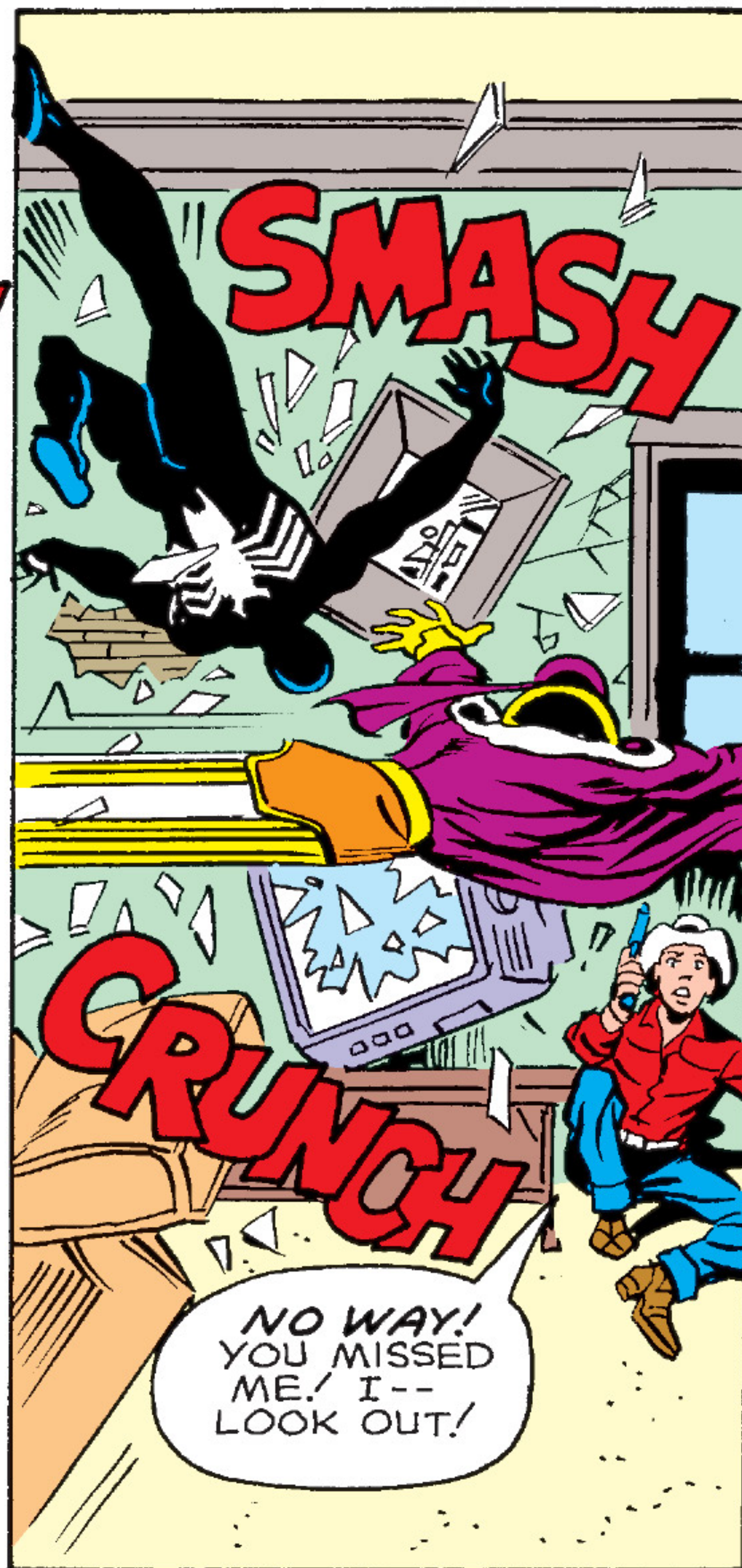
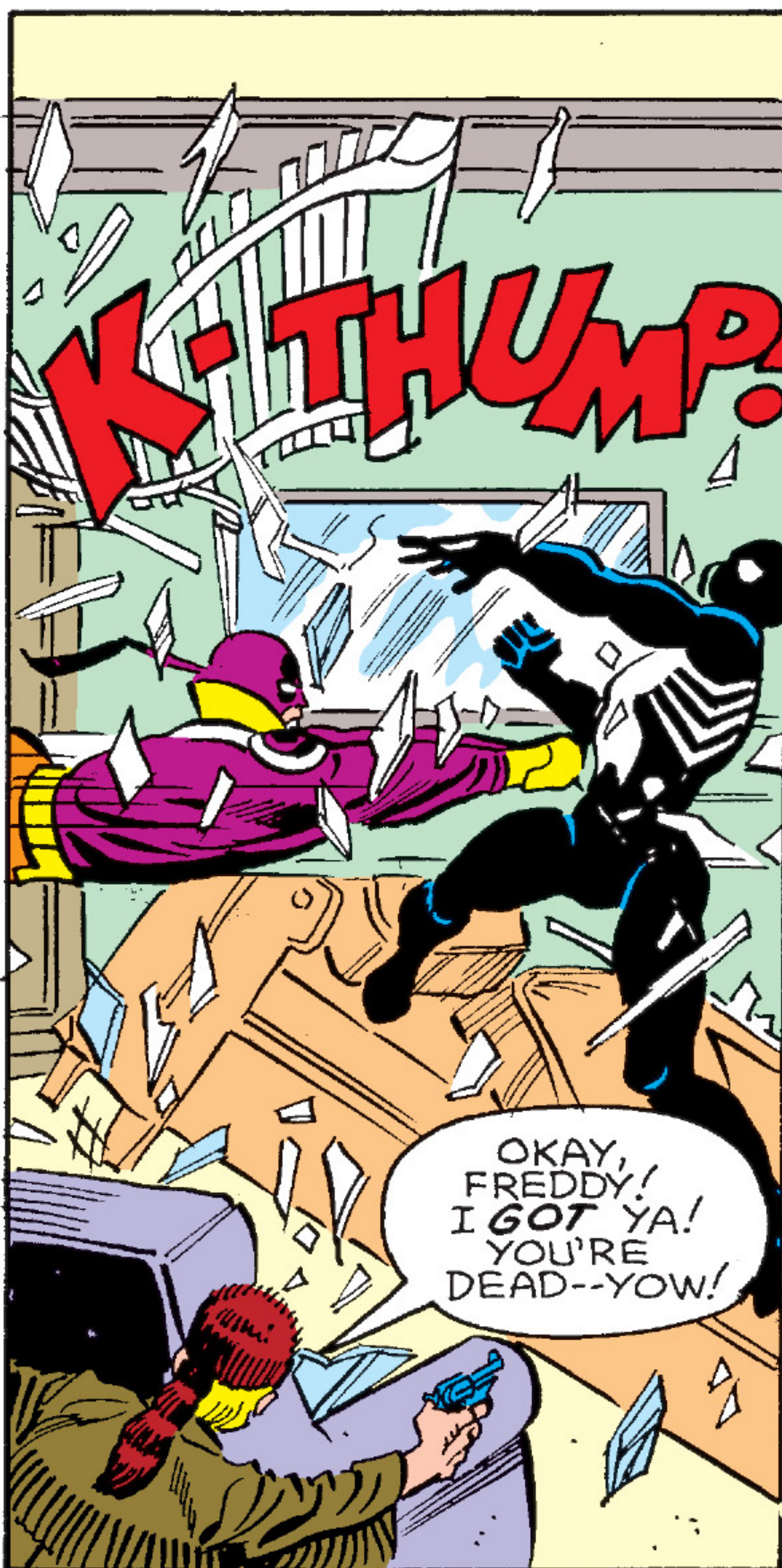
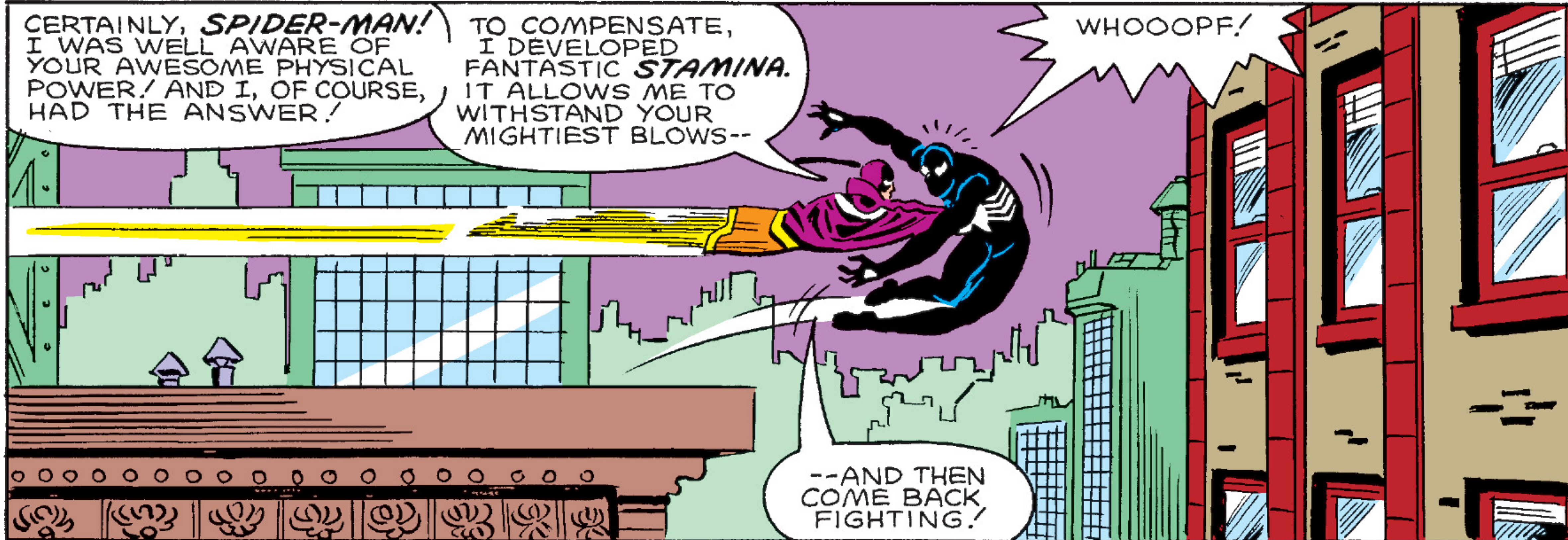
INDEED! AND I AM HERE TO TEST YOUR METTLE--AND THAT OF YOUR FELINE COMPANION!

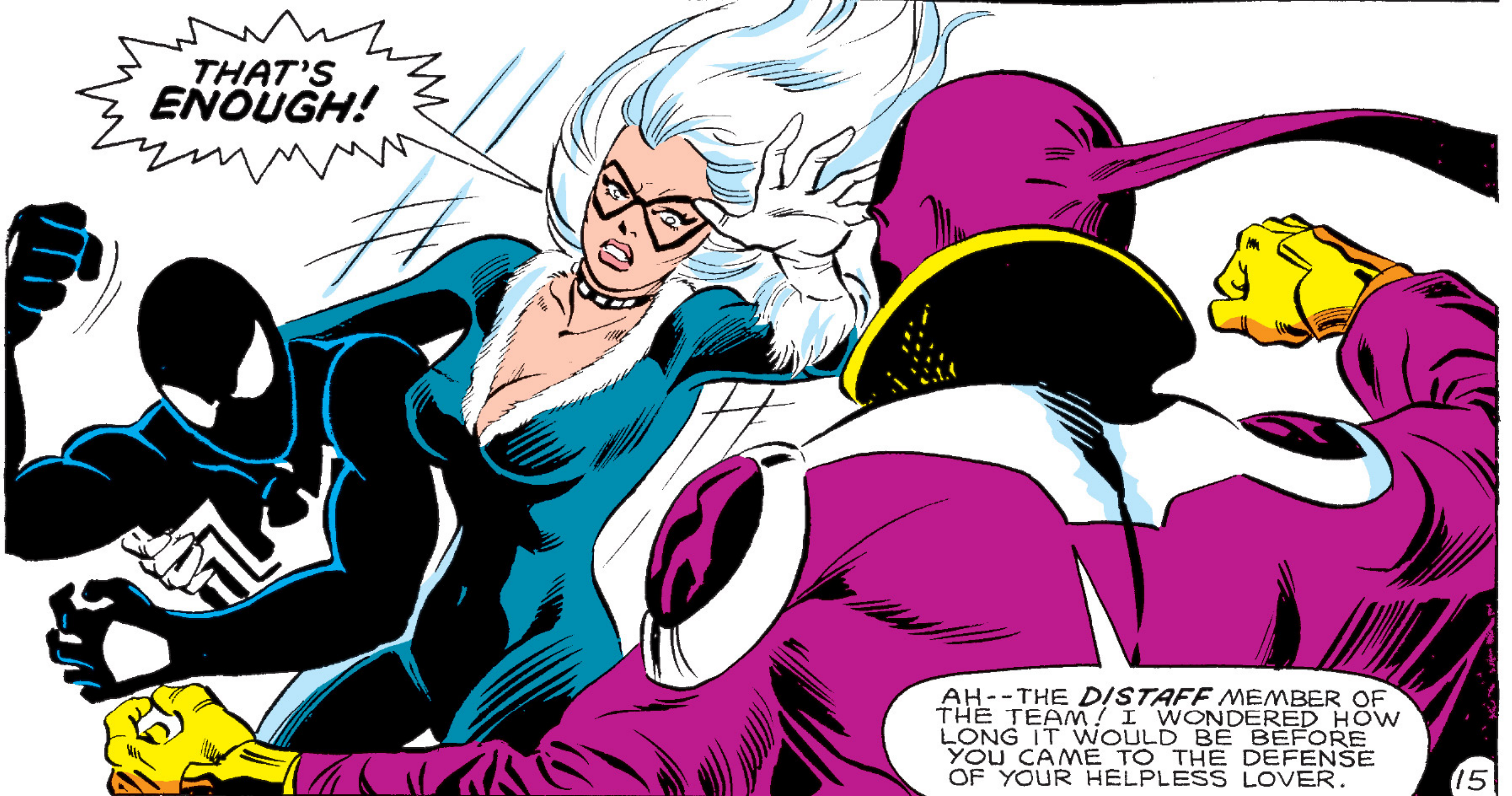
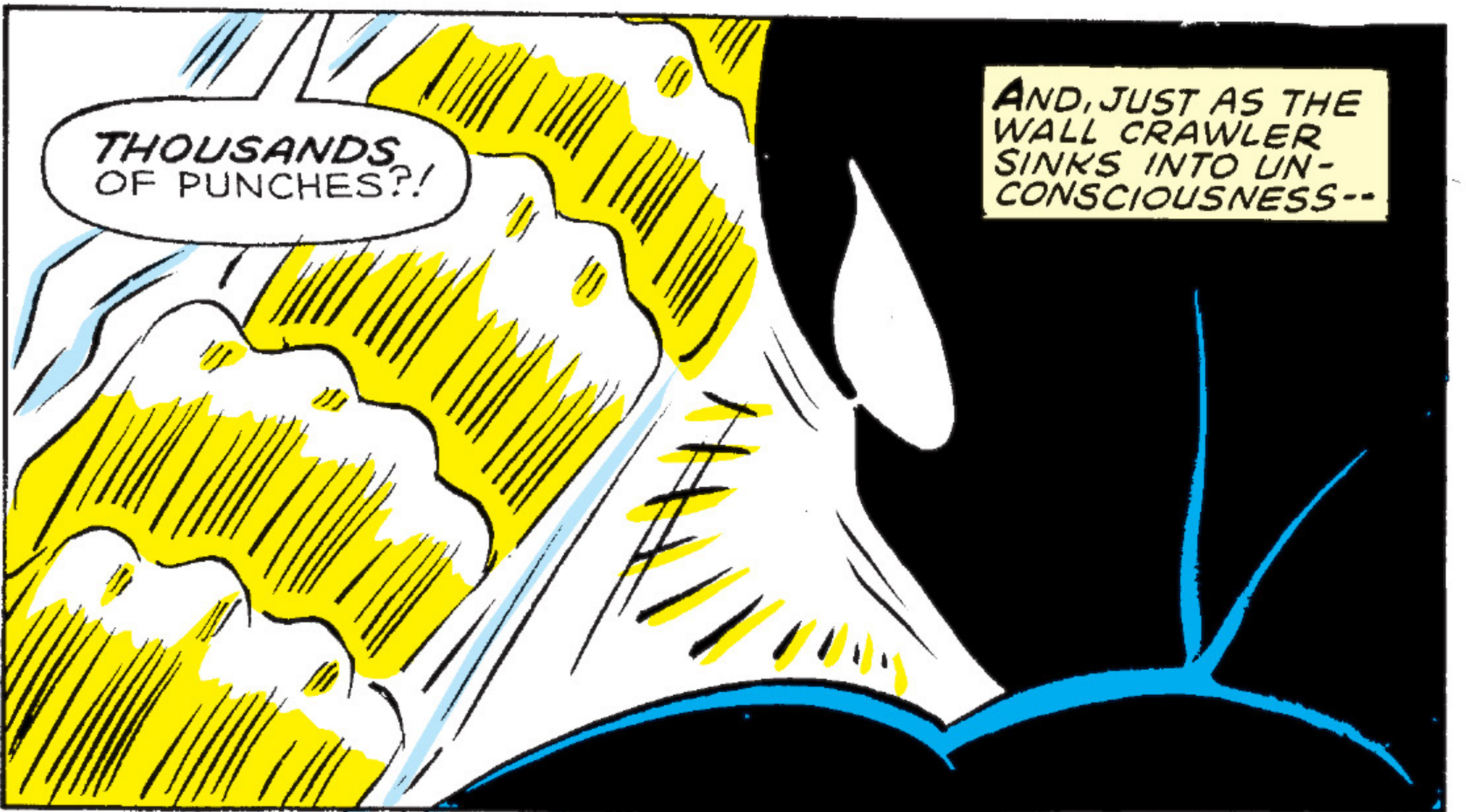
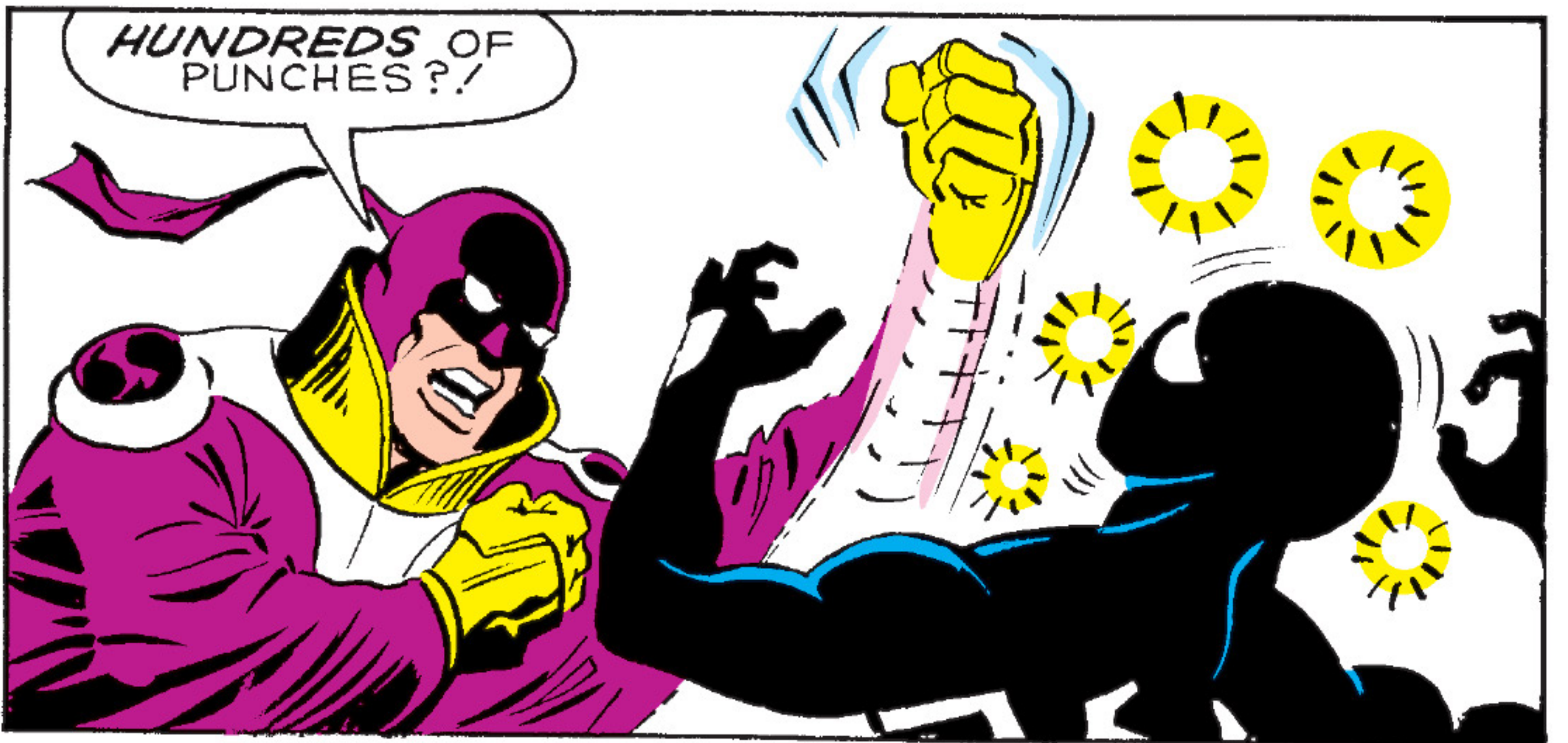
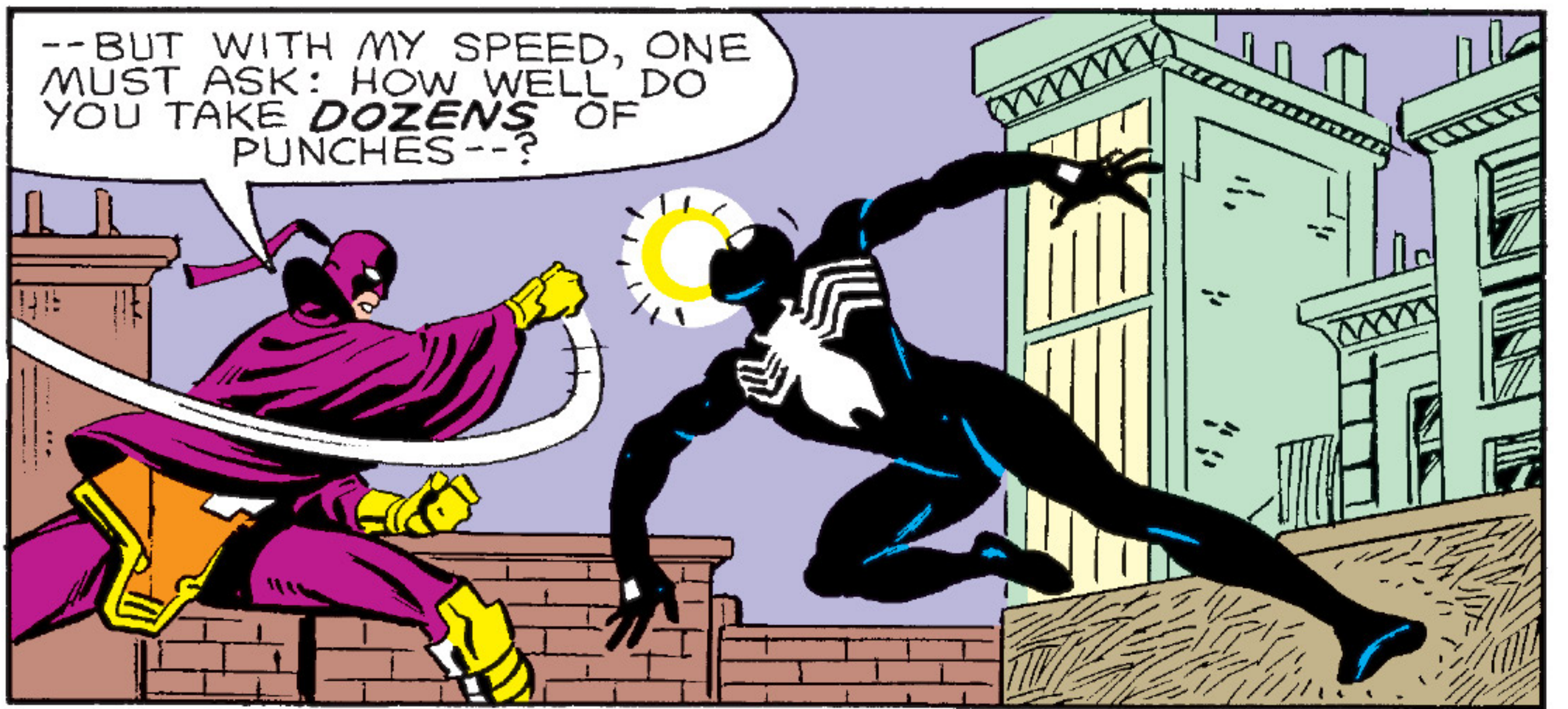
SHALL WE BEGIN?!

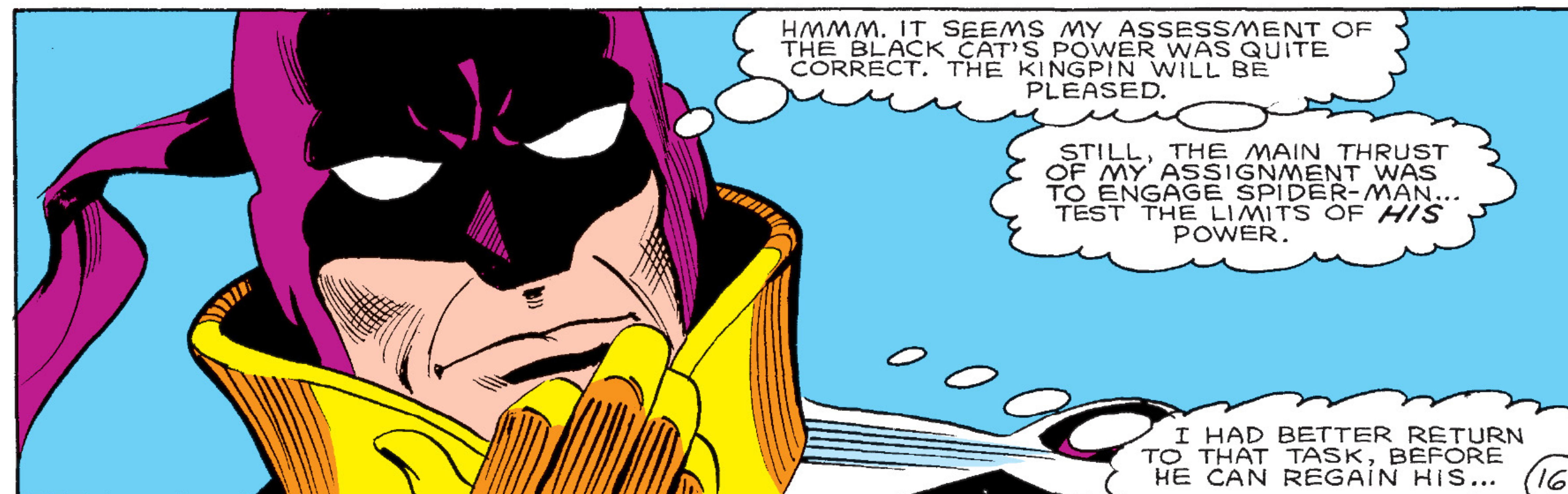
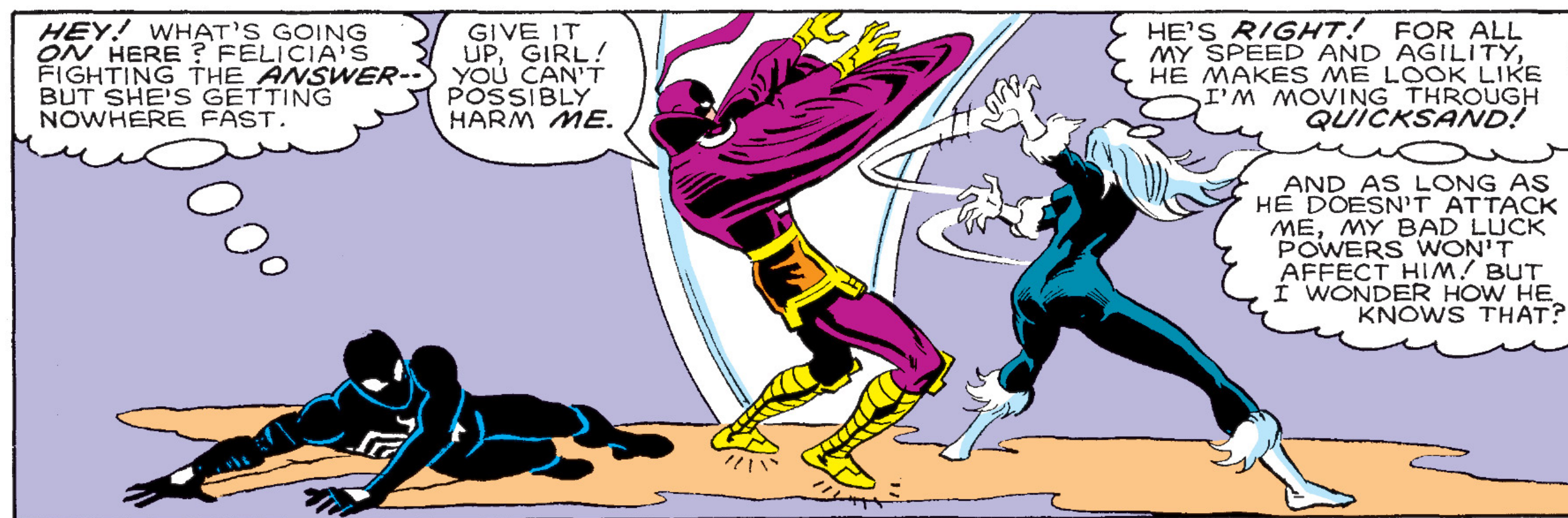
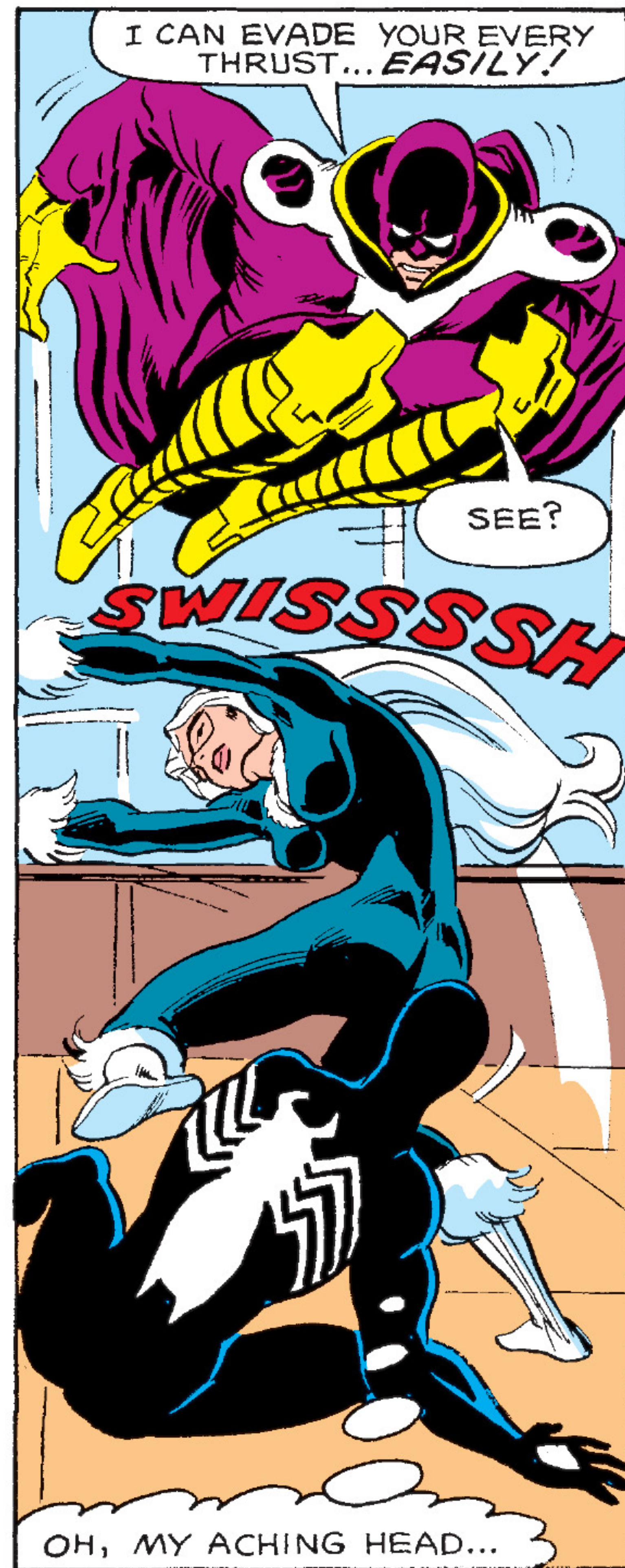


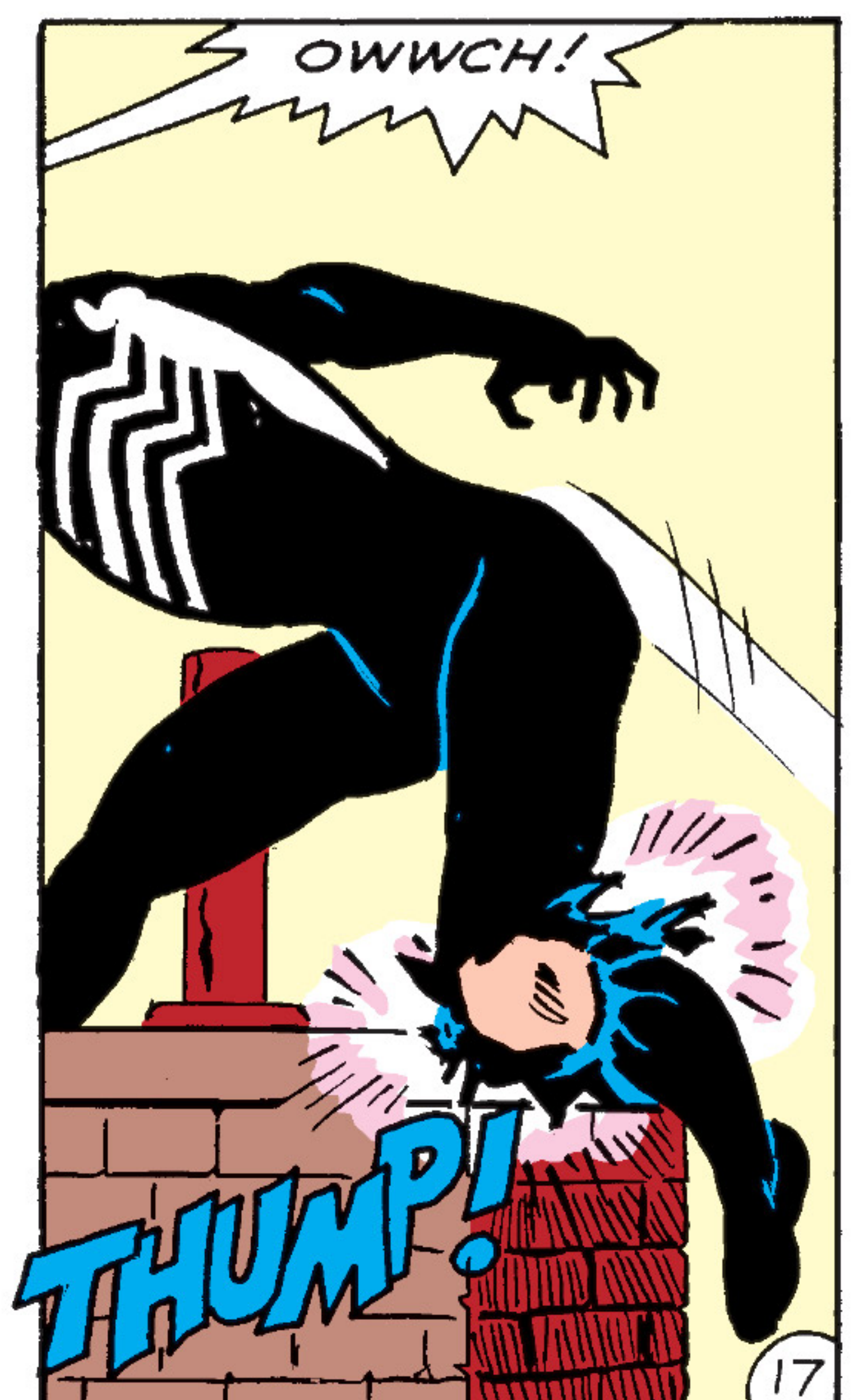
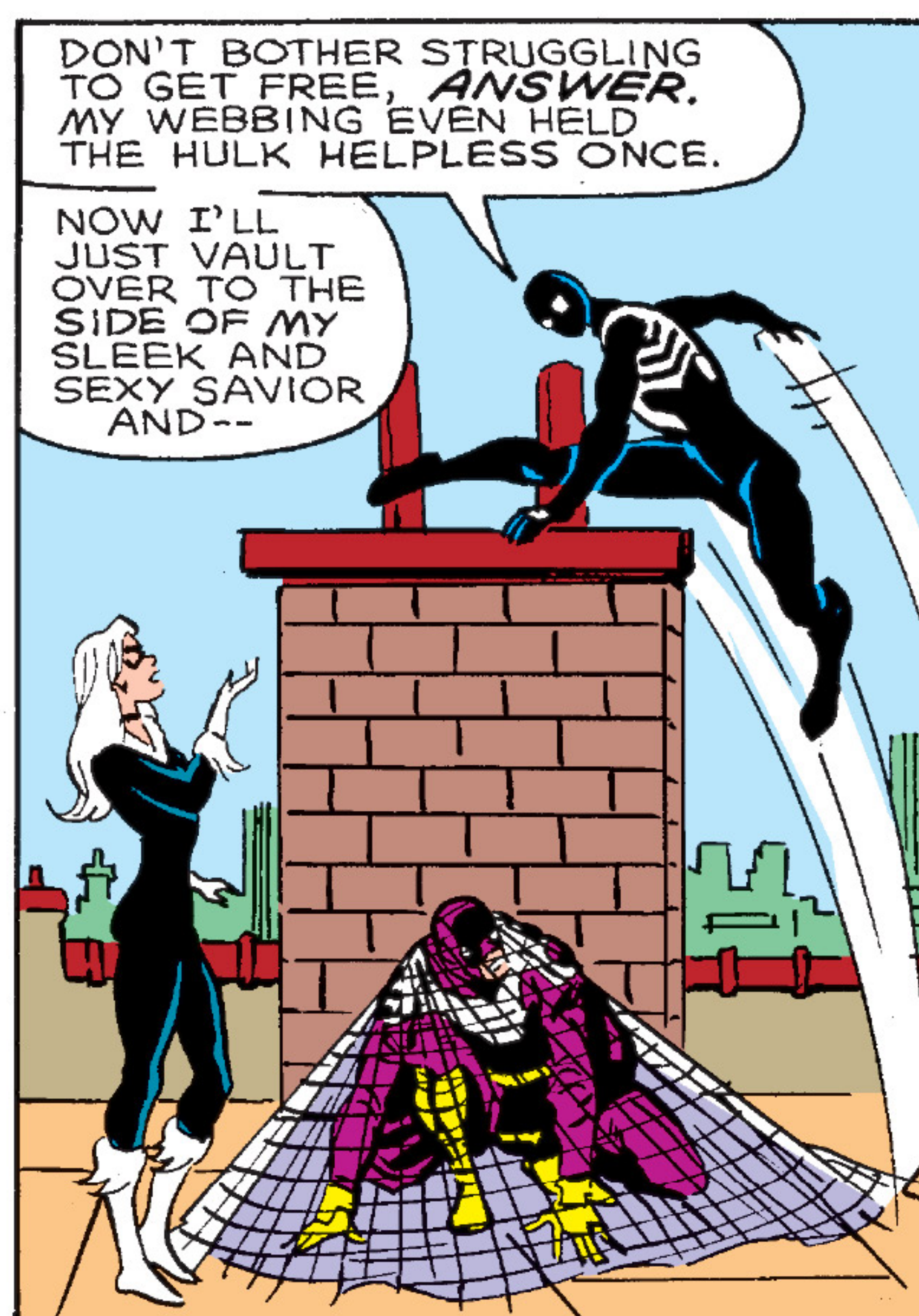
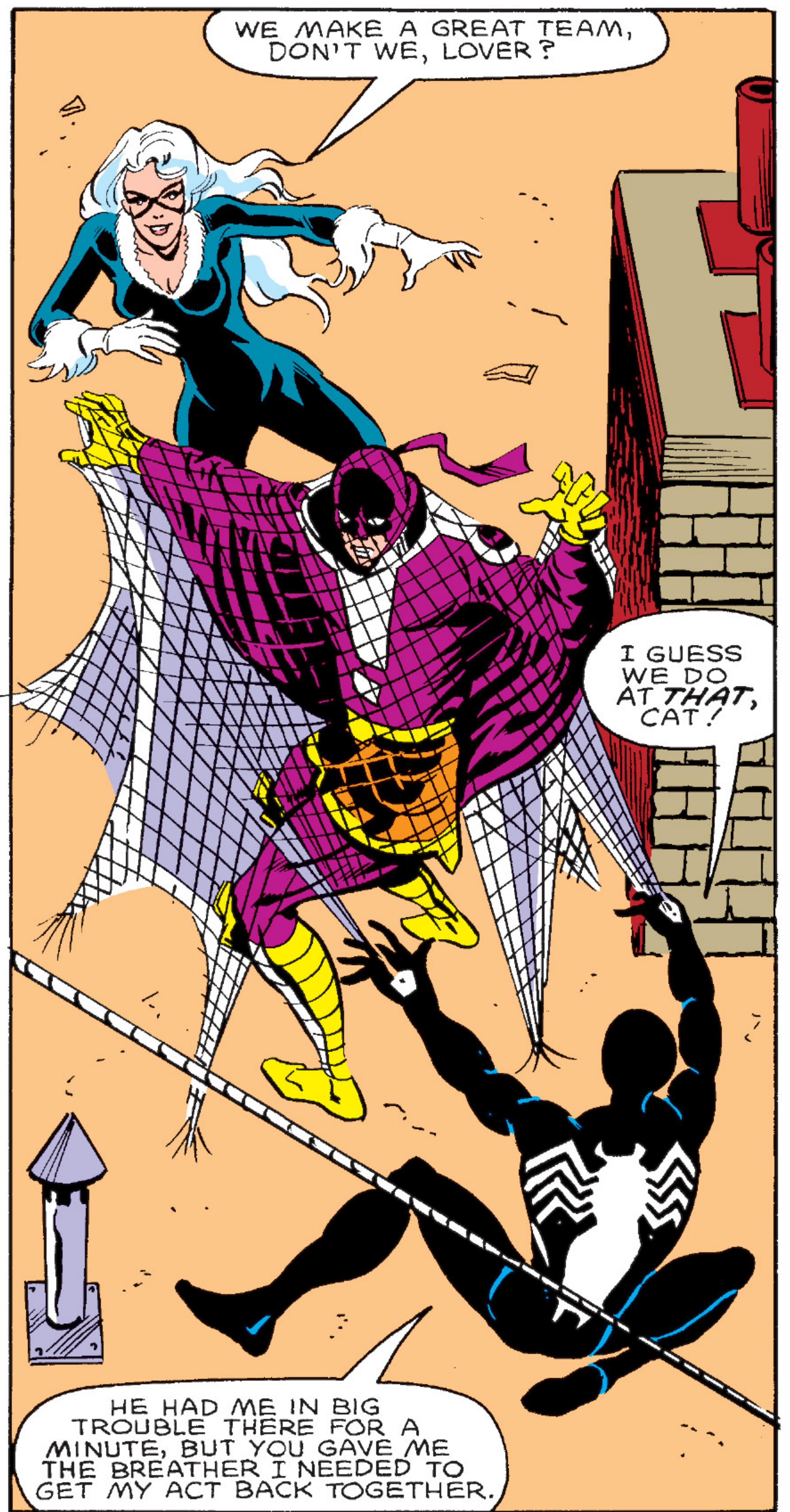


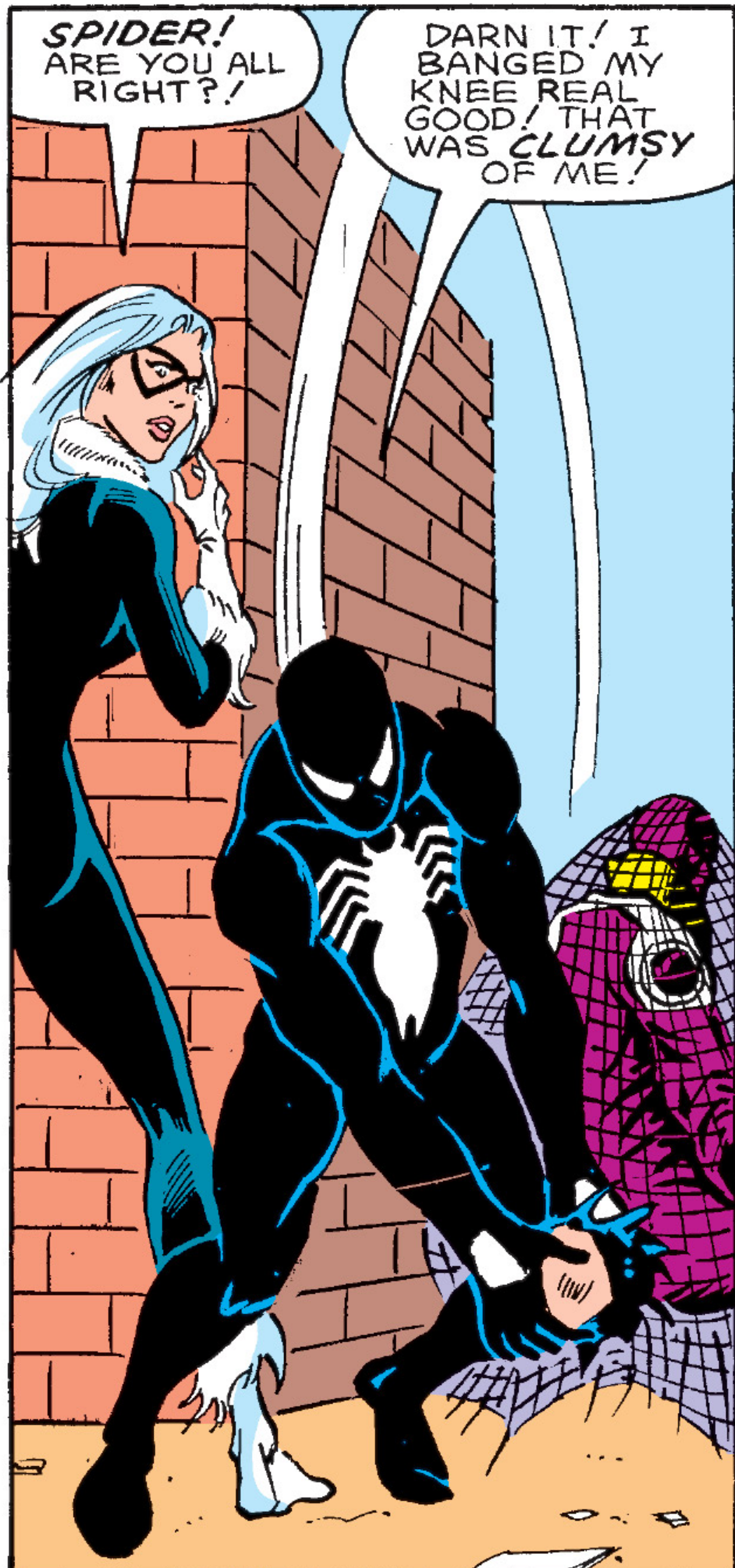






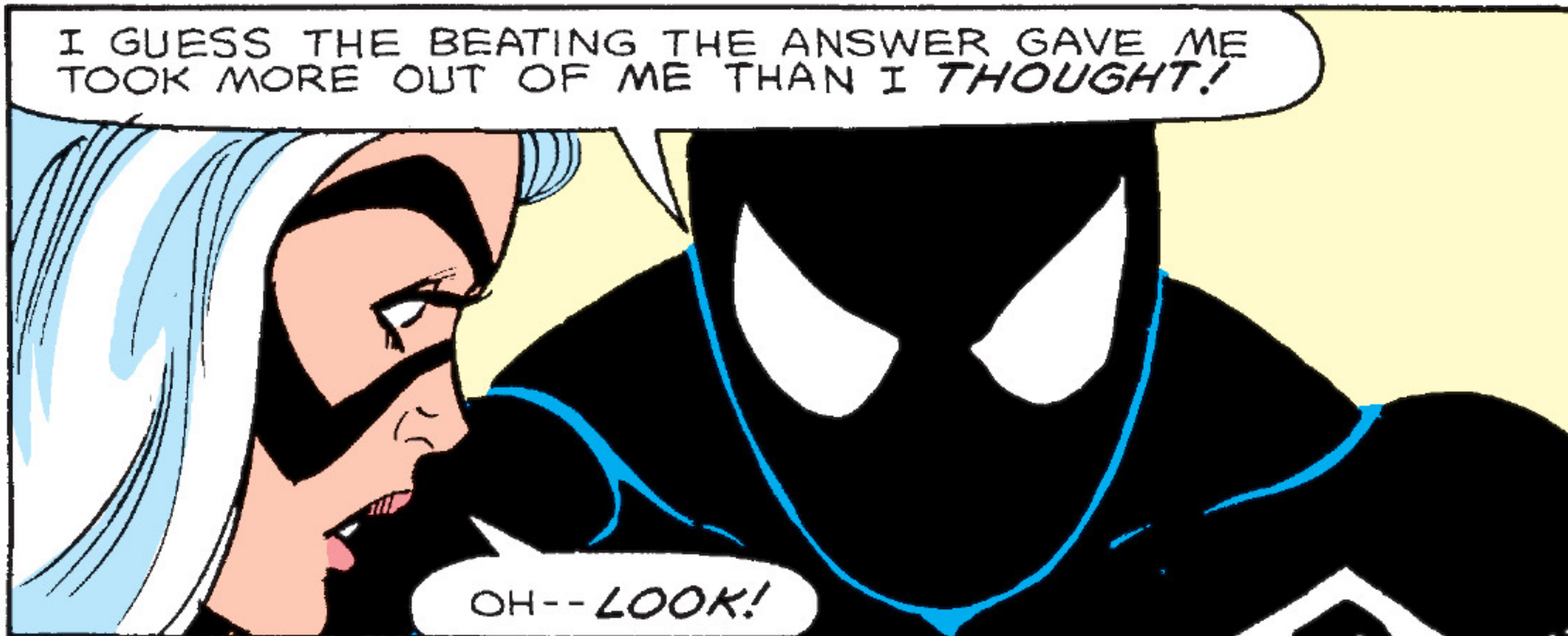






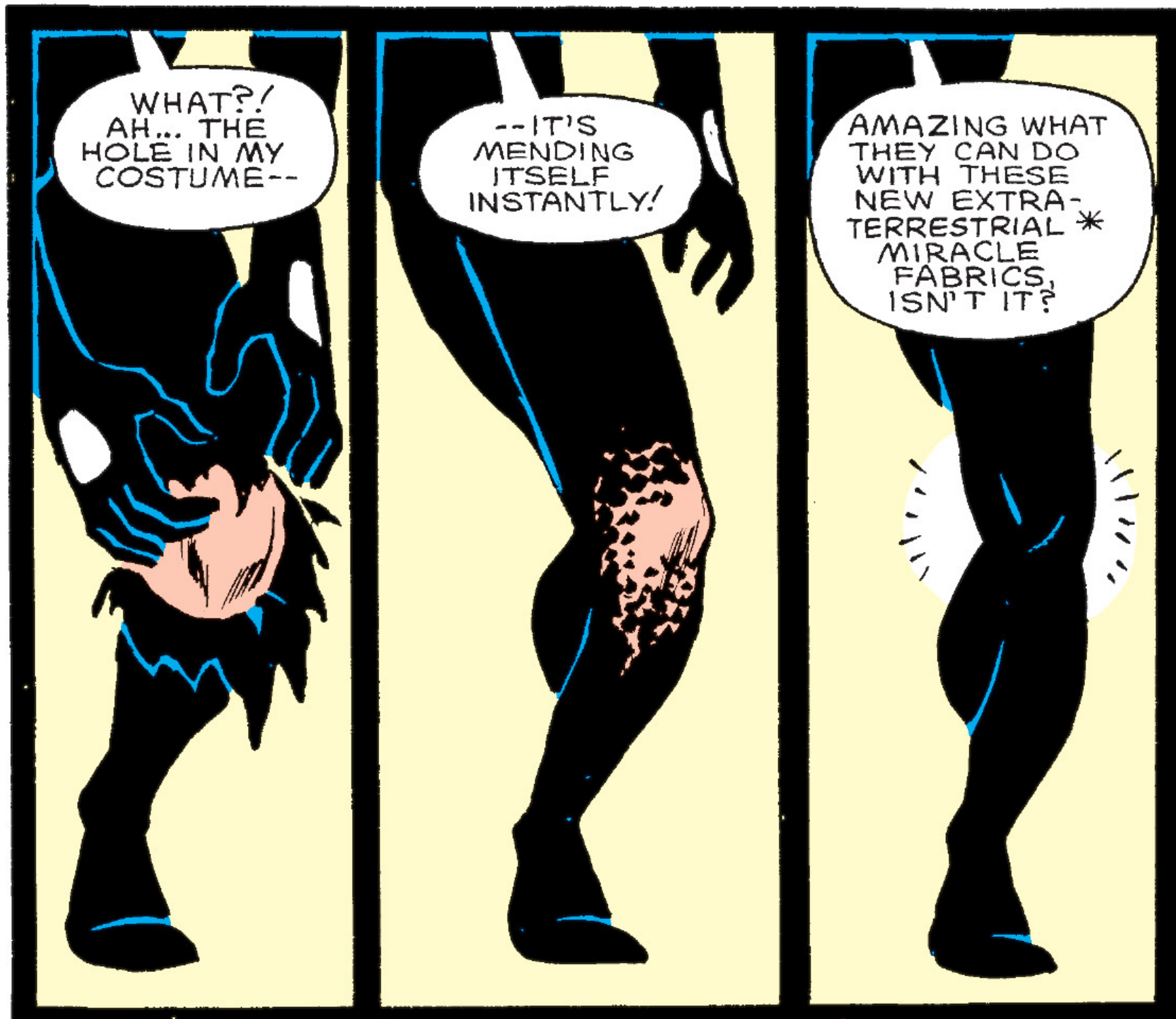
SPIDER!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

DARN IT! I
BANGED MY
KNEE REAL
GOOD! THAT
WAS *CLUMSY*
OF ME!



I GUESS THE BEATING THE ANSWER GAVE ME
TOOK MORE OUT OF ME THAN I *THOUGHT*!

OH--LOOK!



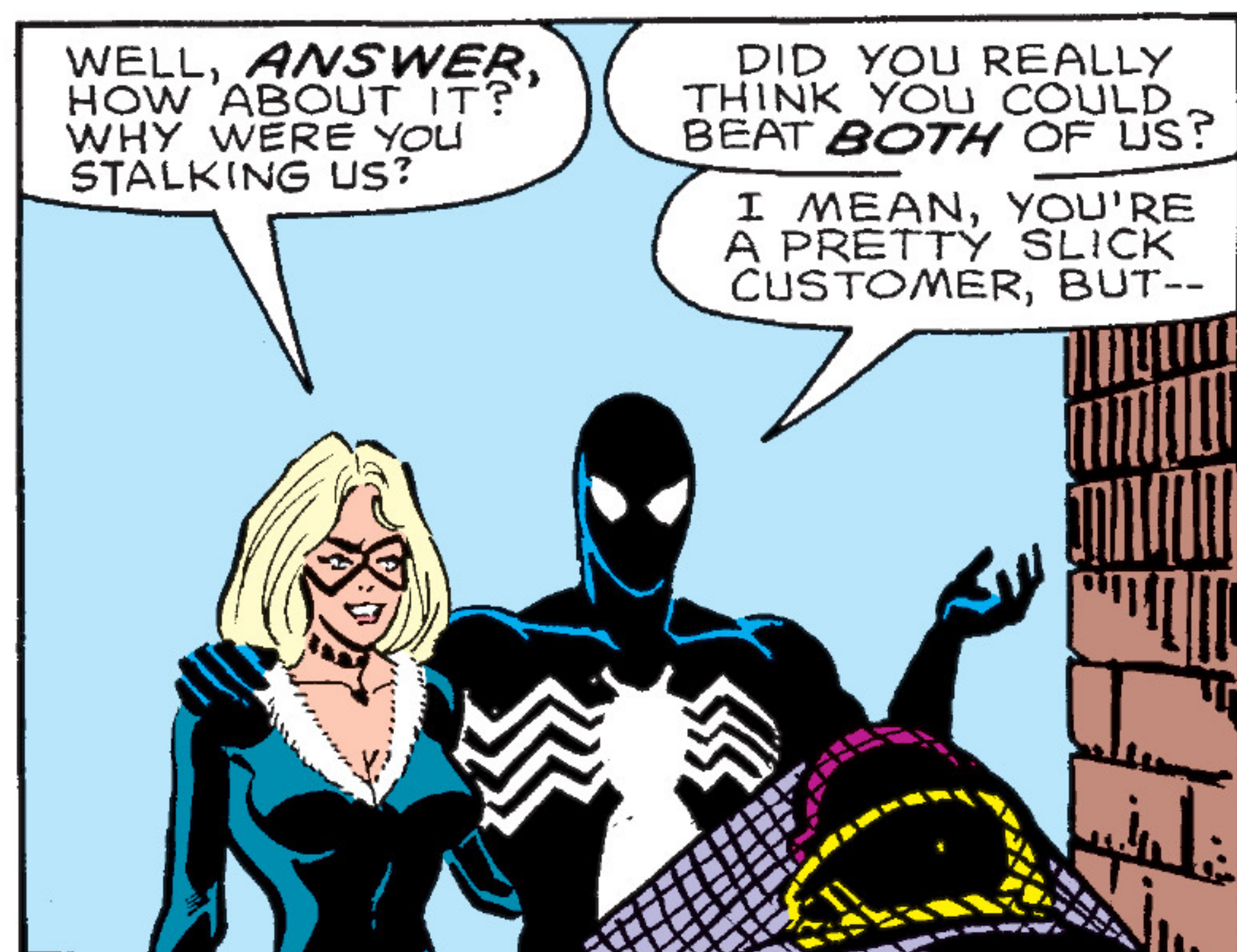
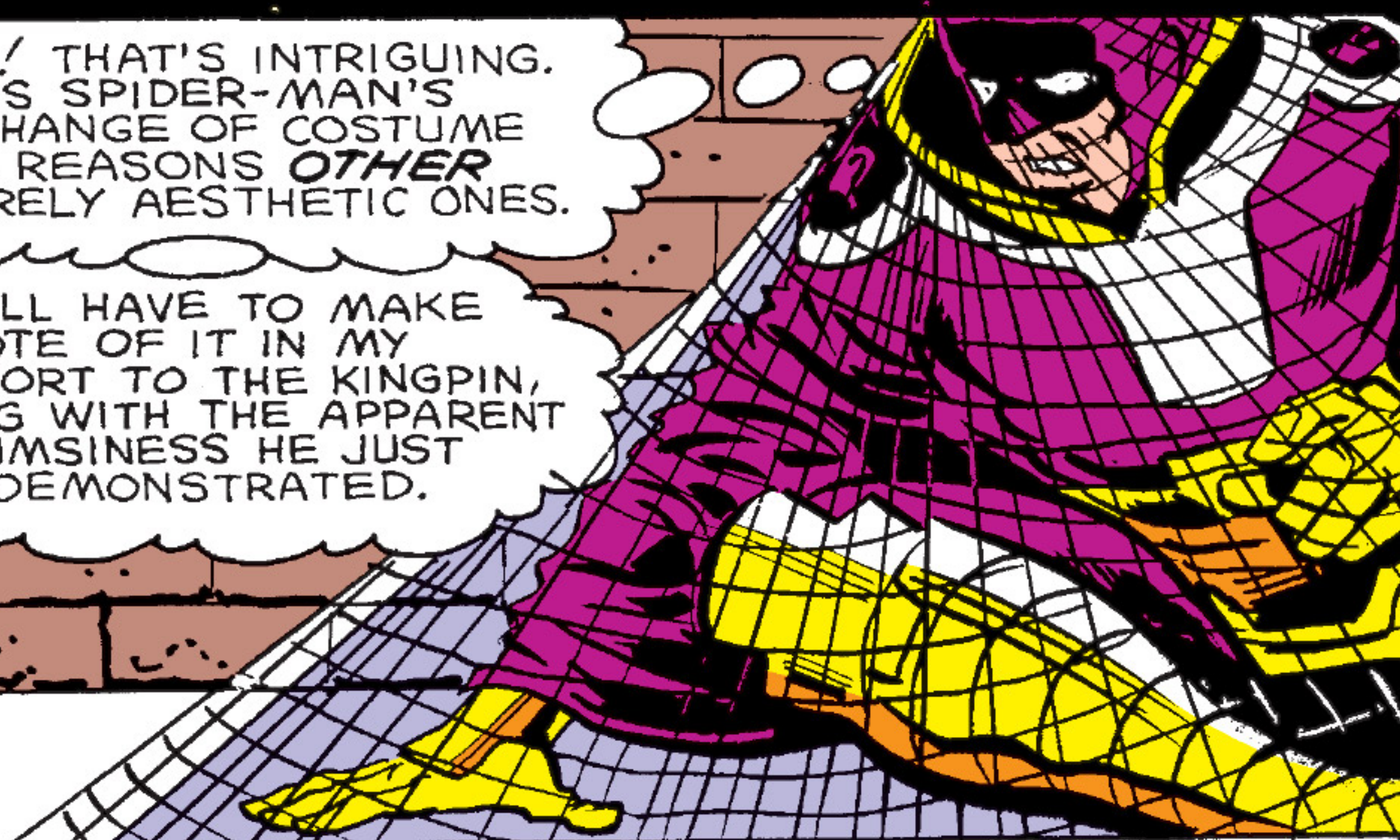
WHAT?!
AH... THE
HOLE IN MY
COSTUME--

--IT'S
MENDING
ITSELF
INSTANTLY!

AMAZING WHAT
THEY CAN DO
WITH THESE
NEW EXTRA-
TERRESTRIAL *
MIRACLE
FABRICS,
ISN'T IT?

HMMM?! THAT'S INTRIGUING.
IT SEEMS SPIDER-MAN'S
RECENT CHANGE OF COSTUME
WAS FOR REASONS *OTHER*
THAN MERELY AESTHETIC ONES.

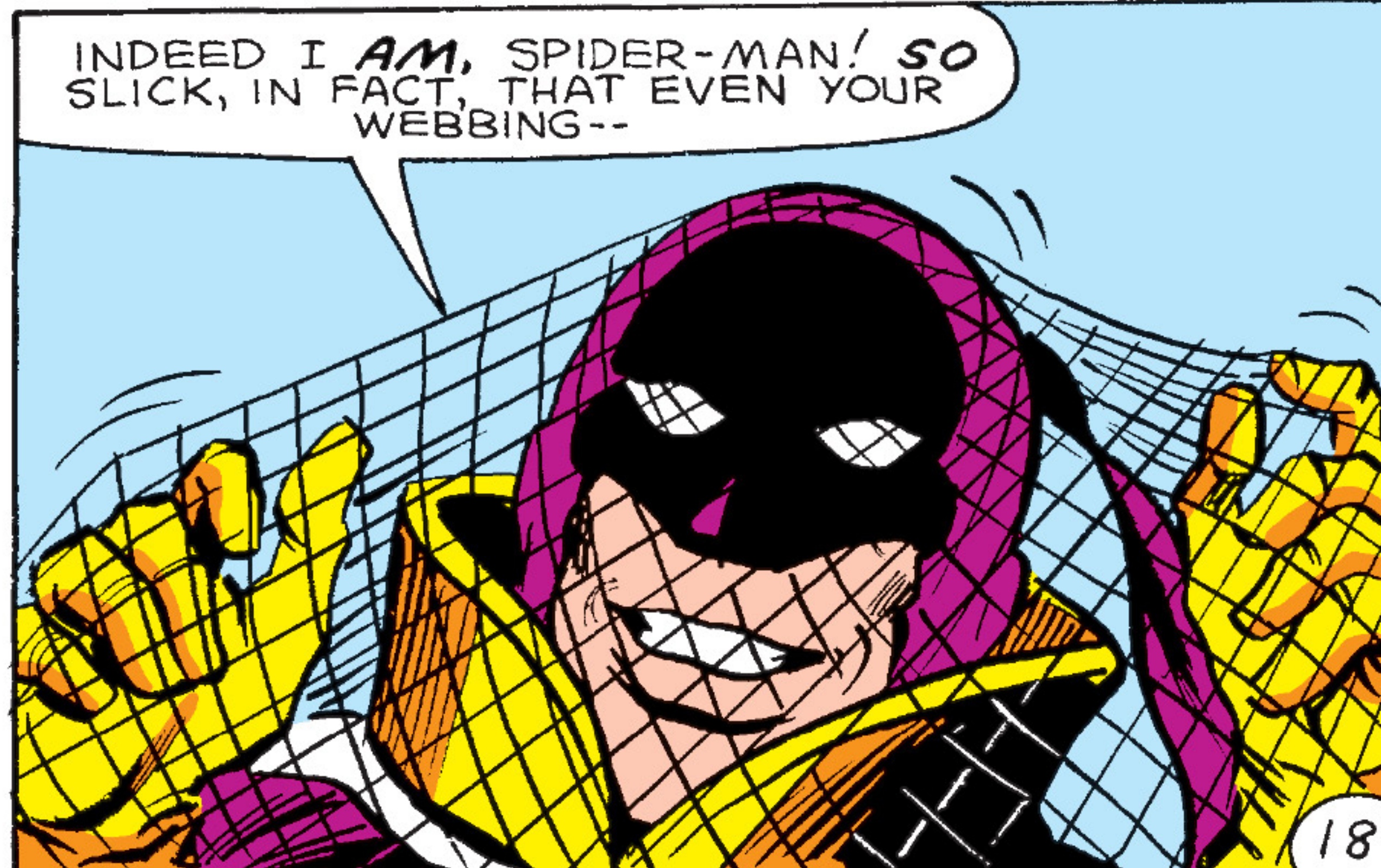
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE
NOTE OF IT IN MY
REPORT TO THE KINGPIN,
ALONG WITH THE APPARENT
CLUMSINESS HE JUST
DEMONSTRATED.



WELL, *ANSWER*,
HOW ABOUT IT?
WHY WERE YOU
STALKING US?

DID YOU REALLY
THINK YOU COULD
BEAT *BOTH* OF US?

I MEAN, YOU'RE
A PRETTY SLICK
CUSTOMER, BUT--

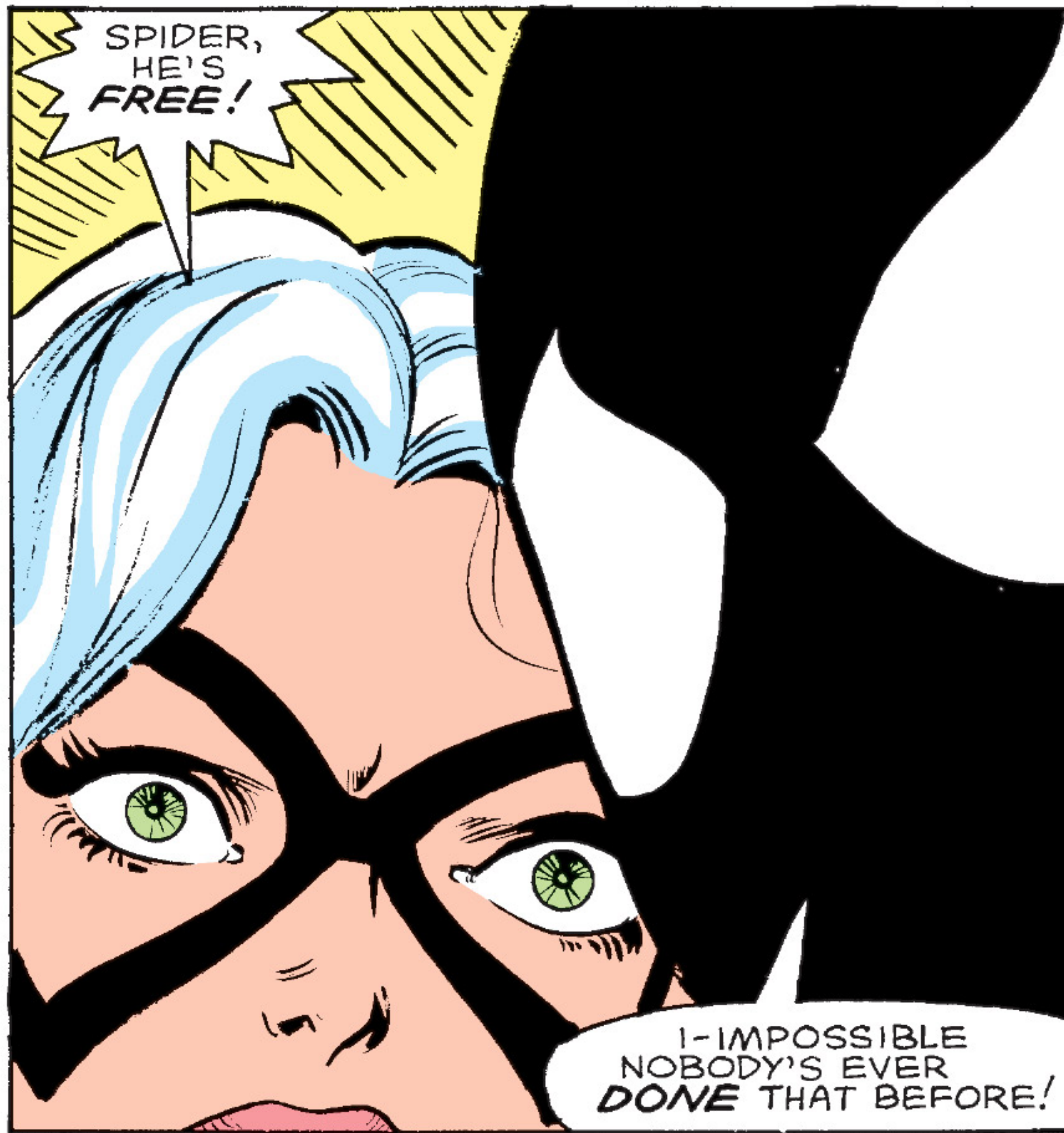


INDEED I *AM*, SPIDER-MAN! *SO*
SLICK, IN FACT, THAT EVEN YOUR
WEBBING--

* SPIDEY GOT HIS NEW THREADS ON THE BEYONDER'S PLANET DURING THE SECRET WARS -- DANNY.

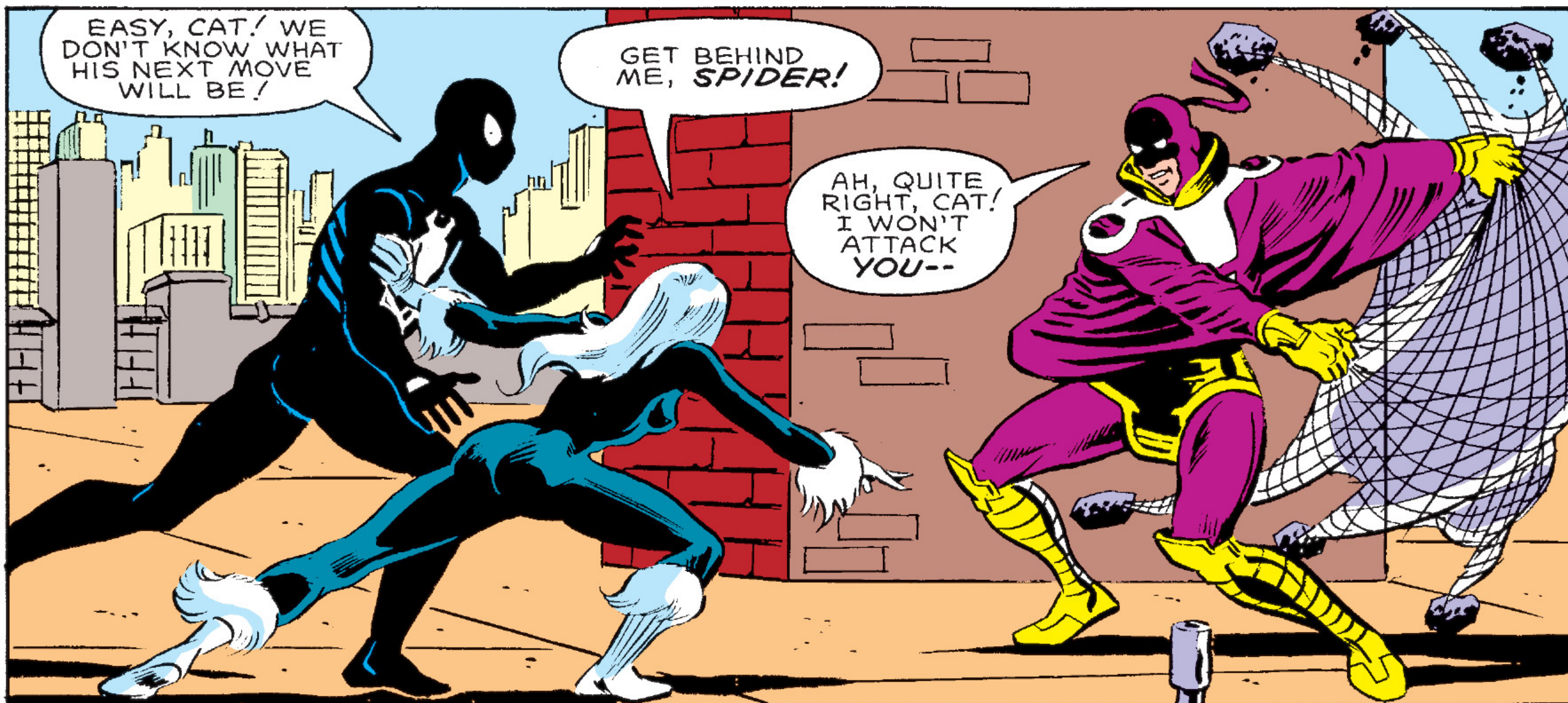


-- CANNOT
STICK TO ME!



SPIDER,
HE'S
FREE!

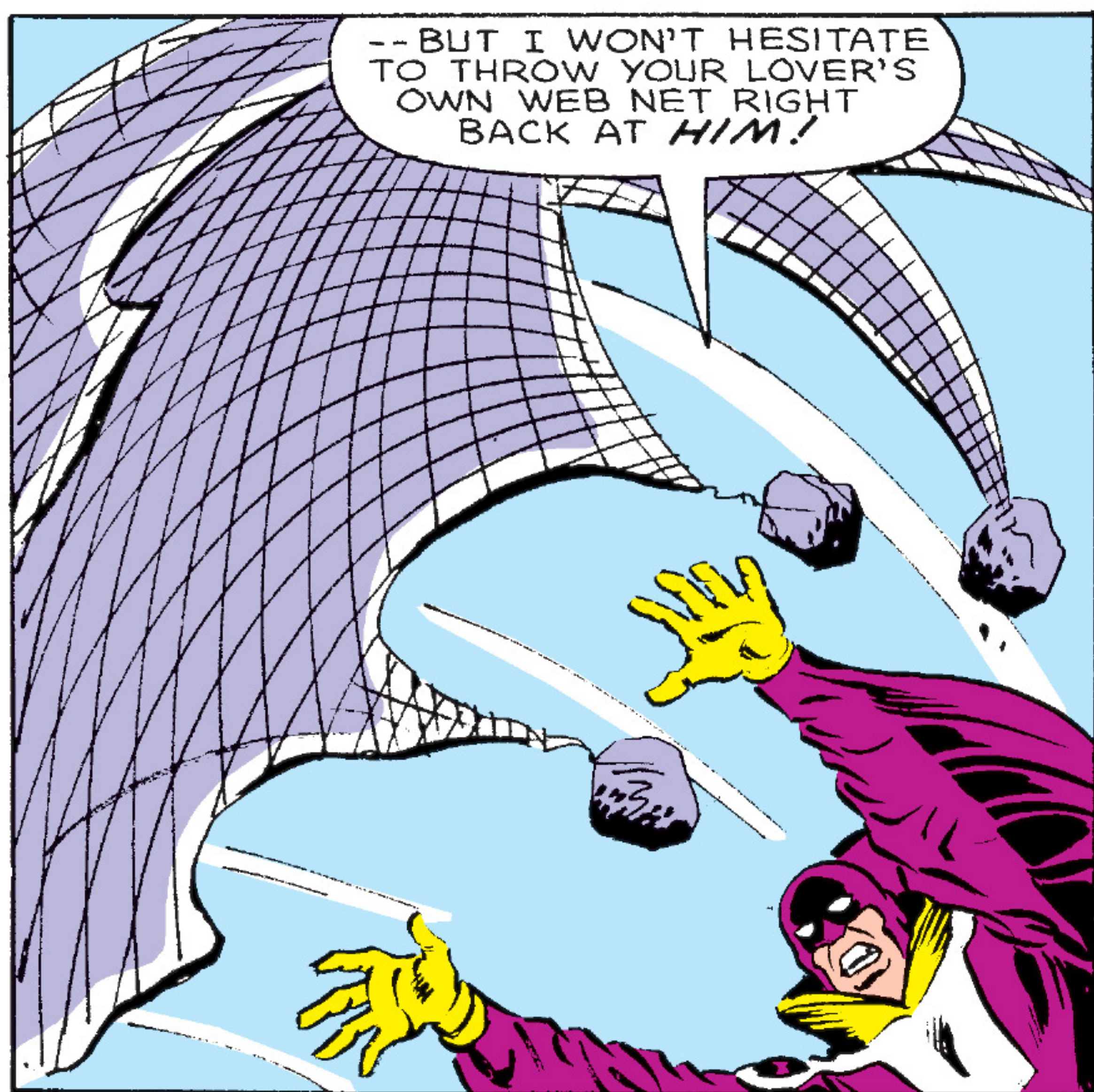
I-IMPOSSIBLE
NOBODY'S EVER
DONE THAT BEFORE!



EASY, CAT! WE
DON'T KNOW WHAT
HIS NEXT MOVE
WILL BE!

GET BEHIND
ME, **SPIDER!**

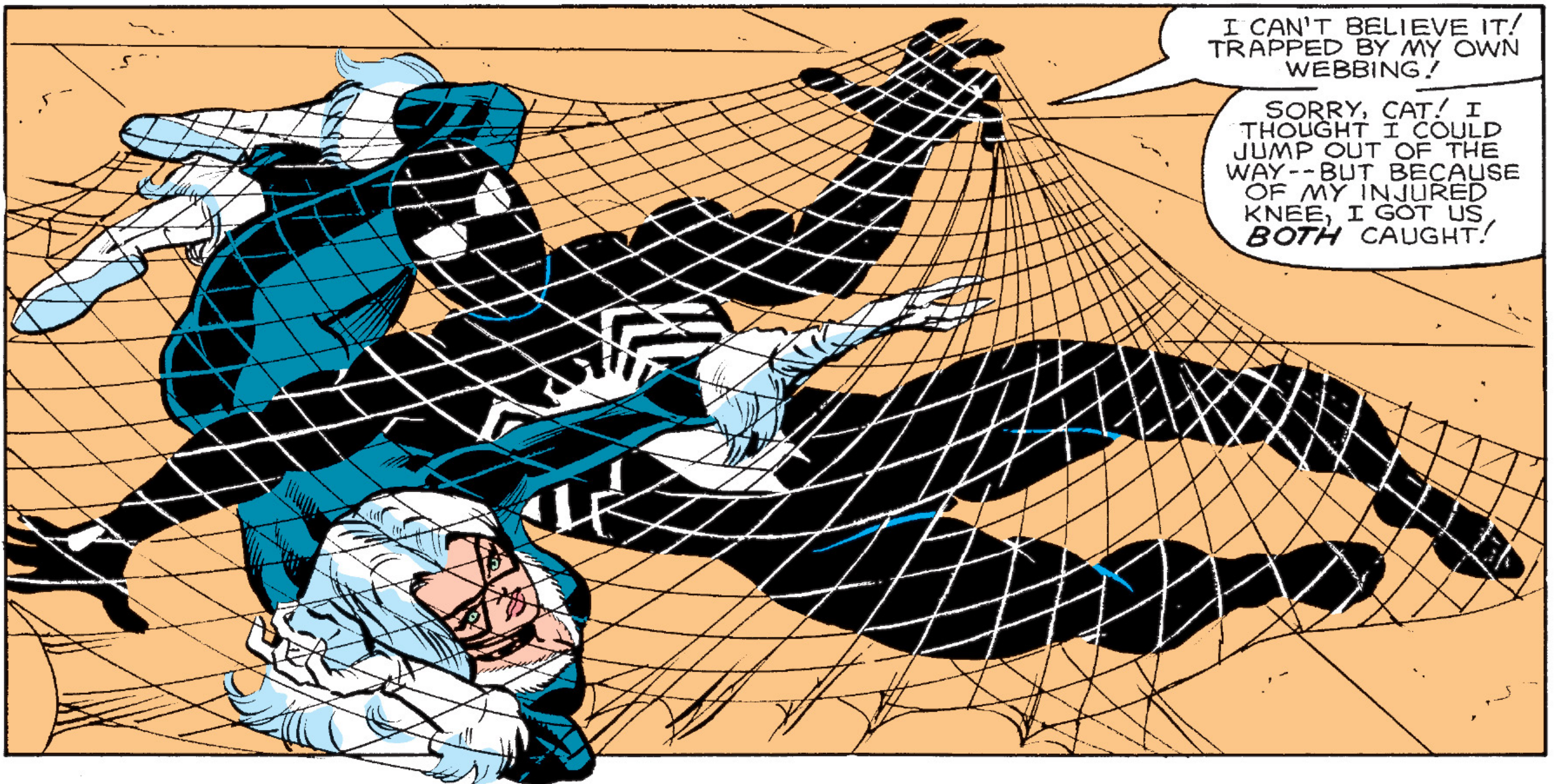
AH, QUITE
RIGHT, CAT!
I WON'T
ATTACK
YOU--



-- BUT I WON'T HESITATE
TO THROW YOUR LOVER'S
OWN WEB NET RIGHT
BACK AT **HIM!**

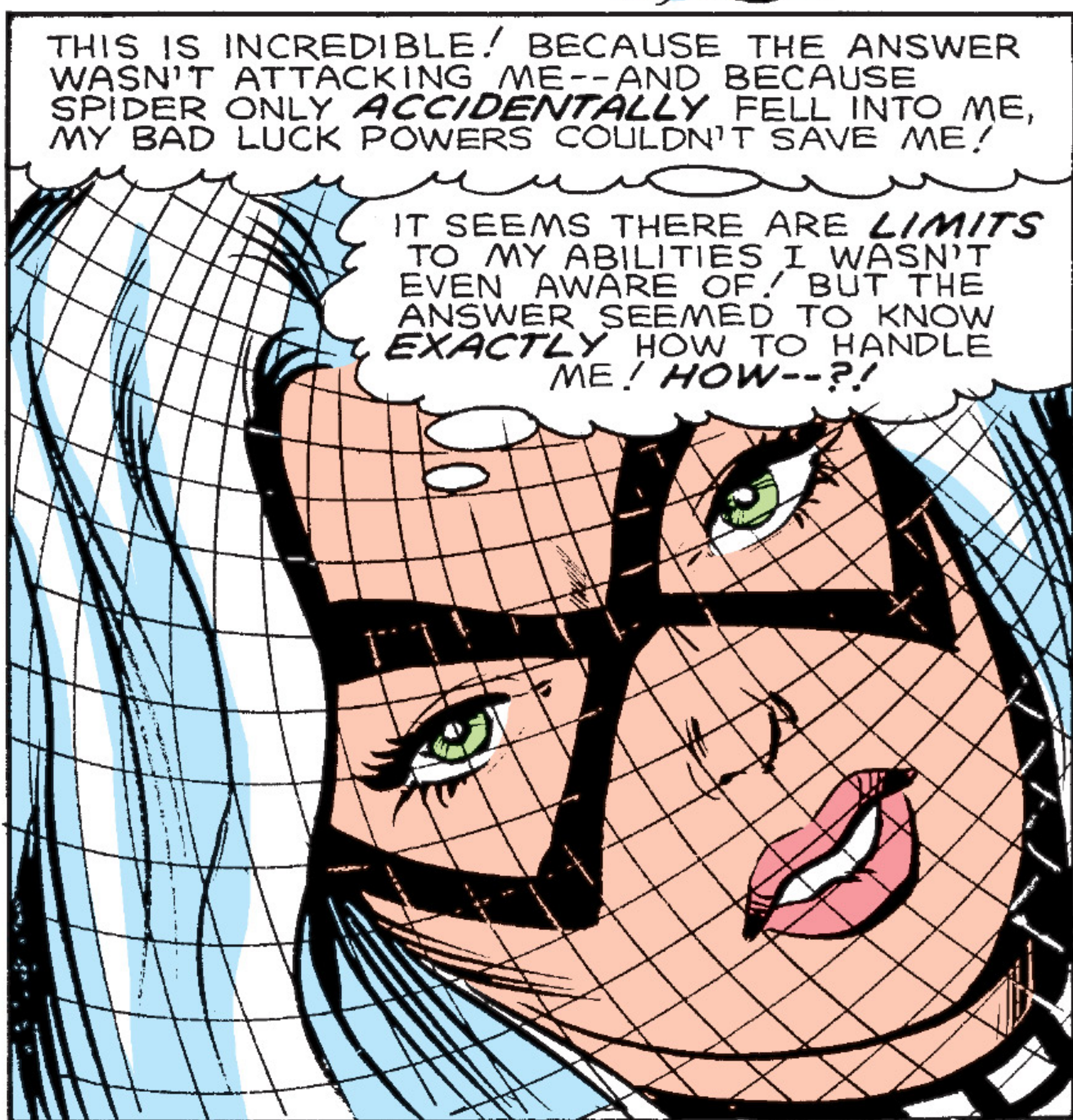


LOOK OUT, CAT! LEAP
CLEAR -- YOW! MY **KNEE--**
IT'S BUCKLING UNDER ME!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
TRAPPED BY MY OWN
WEBBING!

SORRY, CAT! I
THOUGHT I COULD
JUMP OUT OF THE
WAY--BUT BECAUSE
OF MY INJURED
KNEE, I GOT US
BOTH CAUGHT!

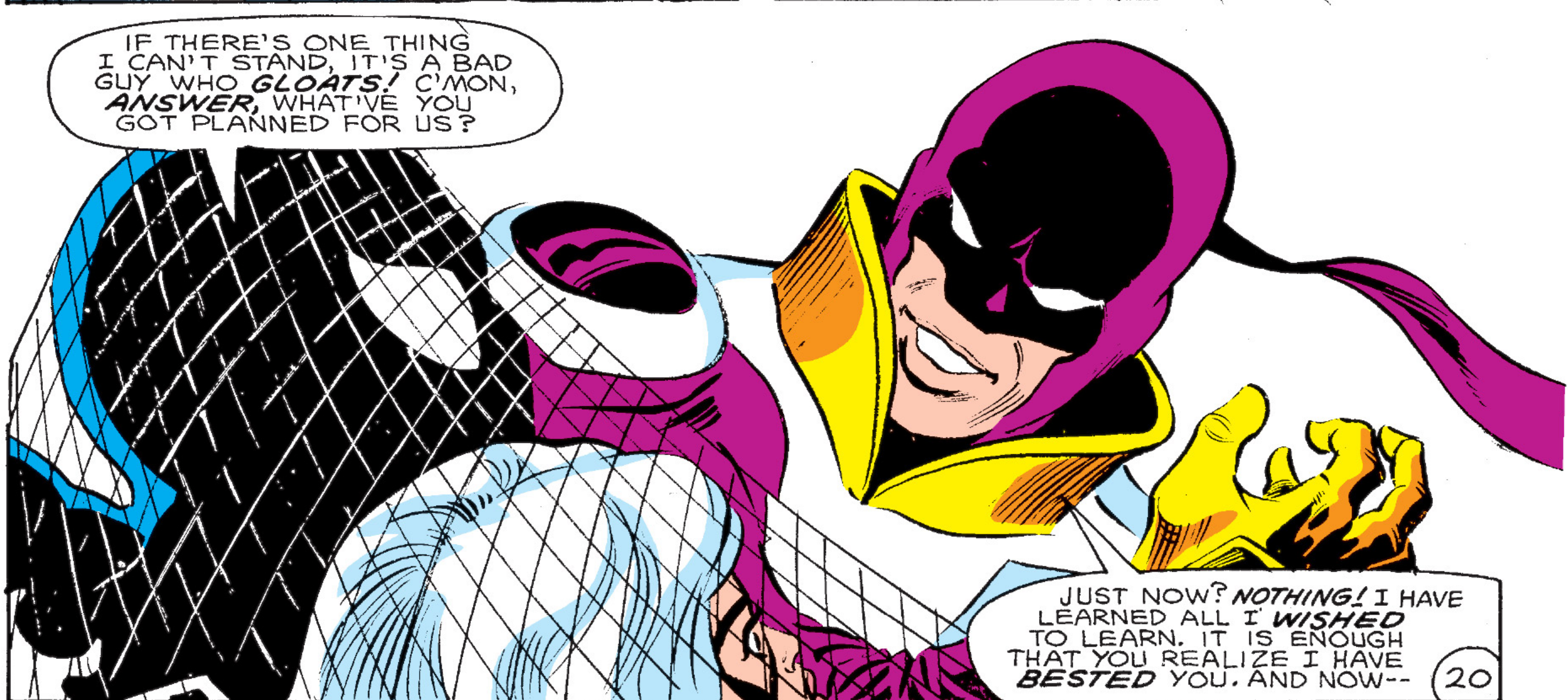


THIS IS INCREDIBLE! BECAUSE THE ANSWER
WASN'T ATTACKING ME--AND BECAUSE
SPIDER ONLY **ACCIDENTALLY** FELL INTO ME,
MY BAD LUCK POWERS COULDN'T SAVE ME!

IT SEEMS THERE ARE **LIMITS**
TO MY ABILITIES I WASN'T
EVEN AWARE OF! BUT THE
ANSWER SEEMED TO KNOW
EXACTLY HOW TO HANDLE
ME! **HOW--?!**



YOU REALLY SHOULD BE
MORE CAREFUL ABOUT
USING A WEAPON THAT
CAN BE TURNED **AGAINST**
YOU, SPIDER-MAN! I KNEW
ABOUT YOUR WEBBING--
AND THEORIZED
THAT THE **ANSWER**
TO IT WOULD BE
AN ULTRA-SLICK
MATERIAL THAT
IT COULD NOT
CLING TO.



IF THERE'S ONE THING
I CAN'T STAND, IT'S A BAD
GUY WHO **GLOATS!** C'MON,
ANSWER, WHAT'VE YOU
GOT PLANNED FOR US?

JUST NOW? **NOTHING!** I HAVE
LEARNED ALL I **WISHED**
TO LEARN. IT IS ENOUGH
THAT YOU REALIZE I HAVE
BESTED YOU. AND NOW--

